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Gage, a resident of Safe Haven Rescue Zoo, lives in a 10,000-square-foot enclosure with his friend and fellow rescued male tiger, Sybre.

Background Image: Charlie Johnston

A view looking west of Marlette Lake (foreground) and Lake Tahoe from the Carson Range.

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WEB EXTRAS

- The Black Rock City Department of Mobility makes it possible for people with disabilities to enjoy the annual Burning Man festival (see photo above) in the Black Rock Desert. **By Katy Tahja**
- 1862 David Walley's Hot Springs Resort in Genoa delivers a soothing experience at its recently renovated spa. **By Carrie Roussel**
- Learn more about the artists involved in the colorful new *Family Flowers* exhibit at the Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas, such as Las Vegas folk artist Romeo Sigüenza and his intricate embroidery.

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SES...KWA...CEN...WHAT?!

I remember sitting on the Rural Roundup (one of the annual Nevada Commission on Tourism conferences) bus in 2009 and hearing it for the first time: sesquicentennial. Some folks from Virginia City tourism were discussing how the historic town was celebrating its 150th birthday that year and all the great events they had planned.

That's *seskwiŋen'tenēal*—got it?

The tongue-twister popped up again when we featured the 150th anniversary of the Pony Express in our March/April 2010 issue. Luckily, I've gotten pretty used to the "s word." If you're not, get acquainted, because you're going to hear it a lot more in the not-so-distant future as Nevada prepares to celebrate its 1864 statehood, with Governor Brian Sandoval leading the charge. The party starts early, in fact, as the 2013 Nevada Day Parade (Saturday, October 26) will officially mark the beginning of a yearlong celebration that will include 150 signature events (see nevada150.org for more information).

We're also starting the festivities early here at *Nevada Magazine*, as our upcoming September/October 2013 issue will be the first of eight special issues documenting the Silver State's past and present in a fashion that will make this a set of collector's editions that every Nevada resident and enthusiast will want on their coffee tables.

In addition, we're also putting together a *Historical Nevada* book, featuring 150 of the most memorable images from our nearly 40 years of producing the annual Nevada Historical Calendar. The book is available for pre-order (see ad on opposite page) now and has a projected print date of early October. Call 775-687-0610 for more information.

Although we have a firm grasp on what these eight commemorative issues are going to entail, we would also like your help, particularly in the "People" department. What residents in your community or town have made a lasting impression on Nevada? In addition, have you or someone you've known been featured in a past issue of *Nevada Highways and Parks* or *Nevada Magazine*? If so, we'd like to update our readers on their incredible stories.

If you have any other ideas as it pertains to celebrating the sesquicentennial in the pages of *Nevada Magazine*, we'd be honored to hear them. Perhaps you have historical photos to share—we'd love to see those, too. Let's celebrate this great state together.

In This Issue

Summertime in Nevada. Isn't it great? This issue is an homage to the activities that make our wide-open lands so enviable. Are you looking for a great rural campground? We have you covered. Are you an angler looking for a new lake to visit?

We've got *you* covered as well. Or maybe you're looking for an isolated camping spot on the shore of a beautiful backcountry lake. This is the issue for you.

Also covered in this issue is stand-up paddleboarding, scuba diving in Blue Lake, a roundup of Fourth of July events, wildlife sanctuaries, our annual Best of Nevada list, and a whole lot more.

Enjoy this edition as you brainstorm about how we can make the next eight ones for the ages. ▀



Historical Nevada

We've produced the Nevada Historical Calendar every year since the 1970s. You can imagine how exciting it was to look through these calendars and choose our favorite 150 images, which will be published in a special *Historical Nevada* book, available for pre-order now (see ad on opposite page).

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WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK A SUCCESS

On behalf of the eighth annual Nevada Wildfire Awareness Week partners—including federal, state, and local firefighting agencies and the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension—I would like to thank *Nevada Magazine* for your participation and ongoing support of our wildfire-awareness efforts each year.

The week was very effective in increasing public awareness about the wildfire threat to homes and communities throughout Nevada, encouraging residents to “Reduce the Fuel—Reduce the Risk.”

Thank you for including our 1/2-page ad in the May/June 2013 edition of *Nevada Magazine* as well as the *Nevada Events & Shows* publication. Your efforts helped us reach a much larger audience. **Sonya Sistare**, Nevada Wildfire Awareness Week Coordinator



GRACIOUS HOSTS

I had a chance to review the May/June issue of *Nevada Magazine*. WOW... awesome job! We really appreciate the opportunity to host your inaugural Nevada Photographers Day. The way the photos were laid out was great! It really

portrays what we are trying to market here in Virginia City. We are very appreciative of the exposure.

Deny Dotson, Virginia City Tourism Commission

FROM THE (H)ARTE

What a thrill to see Charlie [Johnston's] article on Chef Pontrelli and *arte italia* in your May/June issue! He was able to capture the true spirit of our culinary program and the unique way our chefs approach traditional Italian cuisine.

Annie Turner, *arte italia* in Reno

A GOLDEN OUTCOME

In case you haven't been told lately, your staff is doing an amazing job. The quality of the publication is excellent, and the features are always informative and entertaining. It wasn't until after the [March/April 2013] prospecting story that I started to understand the public-service impact.

Around the end of March I received a call letting me know that, as a direct result of the article, the Northern Nevada Chapter of the Gold Prospectors Association of America gained 17 new members. I wonder how the Las Vegas chapter did?

Richard Massey, Yerington

CORRECTION

On page 45 of the May/June 2013 issue, the photo caption should have read, "...according to a June 24, 1913 article in the *Tonopah Bonanza*." Thanks Jerry Reynolds of Elko for keeping us honest.

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Take A Summer Ghost Towns Tour

Dear Friends,

Summer is upon us, and once again it's time to pack up the station wagon (am I showing my age?) or SUV and head out with the family to visit new cities, relax at a lake, or immerse ourselves in culture by visiting museums or touring historic sites—some of the best being Nevada's ghost towns. They were once bustling centers of activity, with churches, saloons, and general stores, but when the population moved on to the next big strike, the abandoned towns fell into disrepair. Visiting them is a great way to step back in time and see what life was like for the folks who built Nevada and mined the precious metals, ores, and minerals that would come to define the West. Following are some of the Silver State's more intriguing ghost towns—or nearly so:

Aurora — Founded in 1860 after a gold discovery southwest of today's Hawthorne, there was a dispute regarding which side of the California/Nevada state line Aurora was located. Once it was decided the town was three miles inside the Nevada border, the miners got to work. By 1869, \$27 million worth of gold had been extracted. At its peak, Aurora boasted 17 mills and more than 10,000 residents, but by 1870, most of the mills were closed and half of the buildings were vacant. Only the foundations of the buildings remain, as the town was dismantled for the used bricks when it became popular in home building and décor.

Berlin — This town was established in 1897 after gold was discovered and the Berlin Mine opened in 1896. By 1911, the town was abandoned. However, what makes this ghost town stand out is a discovery of fossils just outside Berlin in 1928. The fossils were of a Shonisaurus—meaning “lizard from the Shoshone Mountains”—a marine reptile believed to have lived approximately 215 million years ago. Some of these fossils are on display at the Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park and can be viewed by visitors. The Fossil Shelter tour is 40 minutes and is available through Labor Day daily at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., with a noon tour added on weekends.

Gold Hill — Not to be confused with Goldfield, Gold Hill was settled just after gold was found in the hills south of Virginia City in the late 1850s. These mines were part of the Comstock Lode, and Gold Hill endured for 20 years, boasting 8,000 residents during its heyday. Like Goldfield, Gold Hill still has residents, along with Nevada's oldest hotel, and is a stop on the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, a historic steam train that ferries tourists from Virginia City to the Carson City outskirts.

Goldfield — Based on its name, it's not surprising that gold was found in “them thar”...um, fields. By 1904, two years after its founding, the mines in Goldfield had produced 800 tons of ore—30 percent of the state's production that year—and the resulting rapid migration made Goldfield the most populous city in Nevada with 20,000 residents. As of 1910, however, the population had dwindled to fewer than 5,000 residents, and in 1919 the largest mining company closed its doors. What's unique about Goldfield is that the town has not been completely abandoned. Every building is owned—some with the hopes of restoration—and the residents stage the Goldfield Days festival annually in August (this year August 16-18).

These are just a few examples of the history to be explored in Nevada. For more information on traveling in our great state, visit travelnevada.com.



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BELMONT



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More than 65 people attended a group tour of Belmont Courthouse during a weekend in mid-May.

DONNA MOTIS

Tour the Historic Belmont Courthouse

The Friends of the Belmont Courthouse is a nonprofit organization established to preserve and restore the historic brick building in the tiny central Nevada town of Belmont. The group seeks donations for and offers tours of the courthouse, no longer a State Historic Park as of this May. “Our plan is to do scheduled tours through September,” says Donna Motis, president of Friends of the Belmont Courthouse. “We also do unscheduled tours if any of us are in Belmont when there are interested tourists.”

The Belmont Courthouse, built in 1875-76 and now the property of Nye County, is worth the visit. Its well-preserved exterior belies the reality that it has been abandoned for more than a century. Inside, graffiti dating to the 1890s makes the building truly unique among Nevada attractions. In the past, the property hosted a multitude of squatters, the most notorious of which spent a few weeks there in the summer of 1969. A doorway on the first floor reads, “Charlie Manson + Family 1969,” the “o” replaced with a peace symbol. ▀

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Sept. 1, 14-15
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The 70-second ride will depart from Voodoo Lounge, located atop Rio's 50-story Masquerade tower, sending guests cascading more than 800 feet to the Ipanema tower and reaching speeds up to 33 mph. Voodoo Skyline can accommodate up to two riders at once and will have a unique feature: On the return trip, guests ride an additional 800 feet to the starting point facing backward. riolasvegas.com, 866-746-7671

SlotZilla Rises in Downtown Las Vegas

The steel skeleton of the 128-foot SlotZilla tower was recently completed in Las Vegas. The takeoff tower of the \$11.5-million zipline thrill ride is located just east of 4th Street and Fremont Street on Fremont Street Experience. SlotZilla is set to open this summer. vegasexperience.com, 877-834-2748

Tahoe Gets in on the Zipline Action

Heavenly Mountain Resort in South Lake Tahoe will increase summer adventure options at the top of its gondola with a new, four-line zipline center, approximately 1,000 feet in length. The resort will also add two ropes courses, the Black Bear Challenge and the Boulder Cove Challenge, and the Discovery Forest Canopy Tour. Construction is set to begin this summer, with an estimated opening in either late summer or in time for the 2013-2014 winter season. These new activities will be open year-round, weather permitting. skiheavenly.com, 800-220-1593

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HISTORY

Bowers Mansion Re-Opens for Tours

The recently renovated historic Bowers Mansion in Washoe Valley, between Carson City and Reno, opened for tours in May for the first time since 2009. Two \$100,000 grants from the State Historic Preservation Office and Commission on Cultural Affairs funded the rehabilitation of the mansion. In addition, the mansion's spring-fed swimming pool re-opened in early June. The William N. Pennington Foundation donated \$150,000 to renovate the Bowers Pool, also closed since 2009.

Bowers Mansion offers a rare glimpse into Nevada life during the 1860s. The mansion was built in 1864 by Comstock millionaires L.S. "Sandy" Bowers and his wife, Allison Oram. Their story reflects the rags-to-riches-to-rags tales so commonly associated with Nevada's first silver boom. Along with the history, visitors are sure to enjoy the beauty of the mansion's 16 rooms, each elegantly furnished with Victorian antiques. washoecounty.us/parks, 775-849-0201

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MUSEUMS

White Pine Public Museum Hosts Ruth Mining Display

Remember the mining days at Ruth: Con Copper, Kennecott, Magma, BHP, and Quadra? Now, it's Robinson Nevada Mining Co., which will be presenting the latest in mining operations at Ely's White Pine Public Museum during the month of July. Displays include historical photos, film clips, maps, rocks, a copper flotation machine, and more. Rotating displays of other mines and items of historic interest are being planned for later this year.

The Robinson Mine had been the largest copper, gold, and total metal producer in Nevada until it closed in 1978. It was one of the largest open-pit copper mines in the world, and at one time the largest employer in the state. Its former railroad still chugs at the town's Nevada Northern Railway.

The mining collection, a 12,000-year-old Cave Bear fossil, and other exhibits can be seen during the regular museum hours: Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is by donation and greatly appreciated. wpmuseum.org, 775-289-4710, 775-293-5458 (private tours)

Wings and Wheels Coming to Carson City

Cactus Air Force plans to build a military aircraft and vehicle museum at the Carson City Airport. The Wings and Wheels Museum will be a nonprofit, public museum dedicated to celebrating aviation and military history from WWII to present.

The facility will include an enclosed 12,000-square-foot exhibit/event space and store. There will be several outside, covered static display areas as well as a large tarmac area with aircraft and vehicle displays. Building is scheduled to commence in fall 2013. cactusairforce.com, 775-841-2255



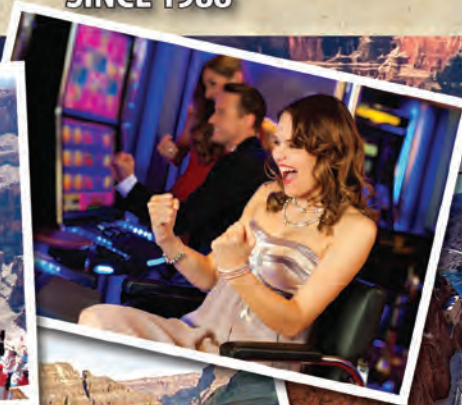
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◆ Mayor Carolyn Goodman was on hand June 20 for the grand re-opening of **Atomic Liquors** in downtown Las Vegas. The historic 1945 building originally became Atomic Liquors in 1952 before closing in January 2011. atomiclasvegas.com, 702-349-2283

◆ The **El Cortez Hotel and Casino** in Las Vegas has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. Constructed in 1941, it is primarily Spanish Colonial Revival style, but it reflects the 1952 remodel when the facade was “modernized.” elcortezhotelcasino.com, 702-385-5200

◆ The new **Tropicana Las Vegas**—a DoubleTree by Hilton property—announced plans to significantly expand its meeting and convention facilities to more than 100,000 square feet. troplv.com, 888-810-8767

◆ Whiskey Pete’s Stateline Stop at **Primm Valley Casino Resorts** is now open to the public. The 13,000-square-foot facility features a variety of quick-service restaurants, 40 slot machines, and free Wi-Fi inside the travel center. primmvalleyresorts.com, 702-386-7867

◆ **Cornerstone Park** in Henderson opened in June. The 100-acre park located at Wigwam and Stephanie includes a 31-acre lake, large pavilions, a catering kitchen, lighted basketball courts, lighted volleyball courts, picnic tables, and walking trails. visithenderson.com, 702-267-2171



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RECREATION

Golfers Can Enjoy Lake Views in Reno

There is perhaps no better place to tee off in Reno than Lakeridge Golf Course’s Hole No. 15, an island green set on a small lake with a backdrop of downtown. Here, Reno golfer J. Patrick Nichols drives the ball toward the island. Eighteen-hole summer rates range from \$45 to \$85, depending on the time and day. The course also boasts The 19th Hole Restaurant and hosts weddings. lakeridgegolf.com, 775-825-2200

Shooting Facility Debuts in Henderson



The Range 702, Las Vegas

via its website. centermassfirearms.com

The Range 702 Range Masters celebrated the grand opening of Center Mass Firearms, a professional gun training and firearm retail store in Henderson, in early May. Center Mass Firearms has a state-of-the-art indoor firearms range and sells guns, ammunition, and other services on location and

The Range 702 also operates the largest indoor shooting facility in Nevada, located in a 55,000-square-foot range at 4699 South Dean Martin Drive in Las Vegas. The Range 702’s training sector recently introduced a firearms-familiarization course designed for teachers and other education-certified employees, offered at no charge, to educate teachers with the proper knowledge and handling of firearms. therange702.com

Digital Shooting Range Opens in Reno

MiScenarios provides Nevada’s first digital interactive scenario training simulator available to the public. Using technology developed for law enforcement and military, guests can practice and improve their skills using real guns, tasers, and OC spray without the use of live fire. miscenarios.com, 775-826-0826

BOOKS

Being Oscar: From Mob Lawyer to Mayor of Las Vegas—Only in America

By Oscar Goodman with co-author George Anastasia, Weinstein Books, weinsteinbooks.com

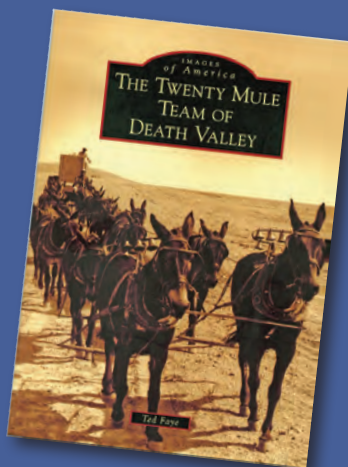
One of America's most celebrated criminal defense attorneys and former three-term mayor of Las Vegas, Oscar Goodman tells his incredible story in this captivating new memoir. Known as the "mob's lawyer" for more than three decades, Goodman was the go-to defense attorney for some of the country's biggest gangsters. *Being Oscar* reveals never-before-disclosed details of his service to a who's who of mob bosses.



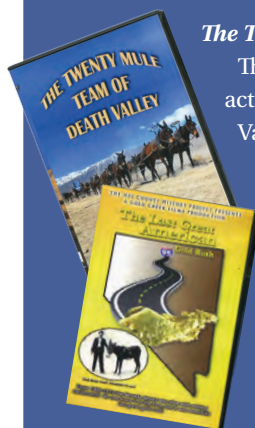
Images of America: The Twenty Mule Team of Death Valley

By Ted Faye, Arcadia Publishing, arcadiapublishing.com, 888-313-2665

The image of 20 mules hauling a train of wagons was the famous trademark of Pacific Coast Borax's most famous product, a laundry additive called Twenty Mule Team Borax. In the late 1800s, borax was hauled out of Death Valley on the California-Nevada border, and this book illustrates how this form of transportation became so iconic. Author Faye is also a documentary filmmaker whose company, Gold Creek Films, specializes in stories of the West.



WORTH A WATCH



The Twenty Mule Team of Death Valley

This 77-minute film features live footage of an iconic 20-mule team in action, as well as on-location shots of the team's original route in Death Valley. Ken Graydon's song, "Mojave," also appears.

The Last Great American Gold Rush

In conjunction with the Nye County History Project, this 45-minute video reflects on the early-1900s boom in towns such as Tonopah, Goldfield, Beatty, and Rhyolite, as well as the Death Valley region.

Order both videos at goldcreekfilms.com.
Also visit 20muleteams.com for more info.

Dinner in the Sky Plans Summer Opening

Dinner in the Sky Las Vegas broke ground in June. The upscale dining attraction will suspend patrons on two open-air tables 180 feet above the ground. Offering stunning views of the Strip and surrounding mountains, the attraction will be the first of its kind in the United States. dinnerintheskylv.com, 702-257-7303



◆ In June, the U.S. Mint and the National Park Service launched the new America the Beautiful Quarters Program coin honoring Nevada's **Great Basin National Park**. usmint.gov, 775-234-7512

◆ The Department of the Interior has approved a major clean-energy project in Southern Nevada. The **Midland Solar Project** will be built seven miles southwest of Boulder City and generate enough electricity to power approximately 105,000 homes. blm.gov

◆ Washoe County's **Lazy 5 Regional Park** in Spanish Springs (Sparks) opened the Gaspari Water Play Park in June. Lazy 5 is also hosting a Wednesday evening concert series through August 28. washoecounty.us, 775-823-6500

◆ HELP of Southern Nevada's **"HELP20"** campaign encourages Southern Nevadans to help protect homeless residents from the dangers associated with the summer heat by donating bottled water at any Las Vegas-area Whole Foods Market through August 31. helpsonv.org, 702-836-2130

◆ Senator Harry Reid introduced legislation May 23 to protect Southern Nevada's Gold Butte area. The **Gold Butte National Conservation Area Act** would designate a nearly 350,000-acre National Conservation Area with 129,500 acres of wilderness on public lands just south of Mesquite. friendsofgoldbutte.org

◆ **Wedekind Regional Park** in Sparks recently completed trailhead facilities and trail-system upgrades to its parcel east of Pyramid Way and south of Disc Drive. cityofsparks.us, 775-353-5555



A Real Stand-Up Gal

Photos by Rachid Dahnoun

"It was an insanely gorgeous morning on Lake Tahoe for a Stand-Up Paddleboard shoot," says Dahnoun, who captured these photos in May on the Nevada side of the lake. "A huge thanks to [model] Casey Lucas for freezing her ass off in a bathing suit in 28-degree weather to create some epic images."

The popularity of Stand-Up Paddleboarding (SUP) has swelled in recent years. According to North Lake Tahoe's tourism site, gotahoenorth.com, "SUP-ers" are finding all sorts of creative uses for what amounts to a giant surfboard. "They take their dogs on them. They do yoga on them. Personal trainers use them to help clients balance and develop core strength. And, of course, people compete on them."

➤ See more of Dahnoun's work at rachidphoto.com, and on the following page.







Casey Lucas navigates a new mountain-bike trail at Van Sickle Bi-State Park, which straddles the California border and is a unit of Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. TOP PHOTO BY RACHID DAHNOUN

Three boys play in the Nevada Beach sand on the southeastern shore of Lake Tahoe. ABOVE PHOTO BY TRACY HERBERT

Seiji Goya cools off during a recent Boy Scouts Troop 7 campout by jumping off a small cliff near Bonelli Bay in the Virgin Basin of Lake Mead. PHOTO AT RIGHT BY ALAN GOYA

**ART DIRECTOR'S CHOICE**

Each issue, *Nevada Magazine's* Art Director Sean Nebeker chooses a photo from our Nevada Photographers Facebook group to be showcased on this page.

PHOTO BY CHRIS NUNEZ

See more of Nunez's work at chrishazel.zenfolio.com.

DISCOVERING NATURE

Wildflowers in Las Vegas? That's right...well, technically North Las Vegas at the Nature Discovery Park on Nature Park Drive. Chris Nunez happened upon these lance-leaved coreopsis in full bloom in mid-April of this year. He also noted the diversity of wildlife in the park.

The 20-acre Discovery Park features a man-made lake and waterfall, walking paths, a multi-story playground unit, and a dinosaur-themed nature discovery area. In addition, the park offers tennis, volleyball and bocce courts, soccer fields, horseshoe pits, picnic sites, and an amphitheater.

EXPRESS HIMSELF

Pony Express re-enactor and author Ron Bell of Silver Springs rides near Fort Churchill State Historic Park last October. "Ron called a friend of mine and enlisted our help to capture some photographs for his book, *The Pony Express Rider*," photographer Sarah Morey says. "Although this shot did not make it into his book, this is one of my favorites!"

PHOTO BY SARAH MOREY

See more of Morey's work at sarahmoreyphotography.com.

GROUP CHOICE

Each issue, our Nevada Photographers Facebook group votes for their favorite photo out of three selected by the *Nevada Magazine* production staff.





16th Annual Readers' Survey

Once a year we ask our readers and Nevada tourists to vote on their favorite places in the Silver State. We have some familiar winners in 2013—among them the historic Mizpah Hotel in Tonopah, The Mob Museum in Las Vegas, Cactus Creek Prime Steakhouse at Bonanza Casino in Reno, and the Eldorado Showroom, also a staple in The Biggest Little City.

This year's 16 categories cover the gamut of Nevada attractions, from buffets to golf courses and museums to state parks. Thanks to all who voted, and be sure to remind your favorite businesses and places to visit nevadamagazine.com and look for the 2014 Best of Nevada survey in March of next year. That will be a special list, as Nevada will be celebrating its 150th birthday.

Without further ado,

This Year's Winners Are...



Mizpah Hotel

Buffet

NORTH: Toucan Charlie's Buffet & Grill, Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno
atlantiscasino.com

SOUTH: Carnival World Buffet, Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas
riolasvegas.com

RURAL: Rum Jungle Buffet, Casino Fandango, Carson City
casinofandango.com

Casino

NORTH: Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno
peppermillreno.com

SOUTH: Red Rock Casino Resort Spa, Las Vegas
redrocklasvegas.com

RURAL: Casino Fandango, Carson City
casinofandango.com



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Hotel

NORTH: Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno
peppermillreno.com

SOUTH: The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas
cosmopolitanlasvegas.com

RURAL: Mizpah Hotel, Tonopah
mizpahhotel.net

A beautiful hotel with a wonderful bar and a fantastic chef! This hotel is kept in the Grand tradition. A great place to stay!

—Nancy Weavers, Facebook

Event

NORTH: Hot August Nights, Aug. 2-3 in South Lake Tahoe, Aug. 6-11 in Reno and Sparks
hotaugustnights.net

SOUTH: NASCAR Weekend, Las Vegas
lvms.com

RURAL: All Aboard! The Polar Express, Nevada Northern Railway, Ely
nnry.com

Golf Course

NORTH: Wildcreek Golf Course, Sparks
golfwildcreek.com

SOUTH: Angel Park Golf Club, Las Vegas
angelpark.com

RURAL: Edgewood Tahoe, Lake Tahoe
edgewoodtahoe.com



Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum

BLACK HAWK VIRTUAL MEDIA

Museum

NORTH: Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum, Reno
nvdn.org

SOUTH: The Mob Museum, Las Vegas
themobmuseum.org

RURAL: Nevada Northern Railway, Ely
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—Kristen Wells Kennedy, Facebook



Cactus Creek Prime Steakhouse

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peppermillreno.com

SOUTH: Marquee Nightclub & Dayclub,
The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas
cosmopolitanlasvegas.com

RURAL: Peek, Harrah's Lake Tahoe
harrahslaketahoe.com

Place to Shop

NORTH: The Summit, Reno
thesummitonline.com

SOUTH: The Forum Shops at Caesars, Las Vegas
simon.com/mall/the-forum-shops-at-caesars

RURAL: Galleria at Sunset, Henderson
galleriaatsunset.com

Place to Take the Kids

NORTH: Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum,
Reno
nvdm.org

SOUTH: (tie) Springs Preserve, Las Vegas
springspreserve.org

DISCOVERY Children's Museum, Las Vegas
discoverykidslv.org

RURAL: Nevada Northern Railway, Ely
nnry.com

Restaurant

NORTH: Cactus Creek Prime Steakhouse,
Bonanza Casino, Reno
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Springs Preserve

SOUTH: Mon Ami Gabi, Paris Las Vegas
parislasvegas.com

RURAL: The Star Hotel, Elko
elkostarhotel.com

Show

NORTH: Eldorado Showroom, Eldorado Hotel Casino, Reno
eldoradoreno.com

SOUTH: Blue Man Group, The Venetian, Las Vegas
blueman.com

RURAL: A Night in the Country, Yerington
nightinthecountry.org

Ski Resort

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe, Reno
mtrose.com

Spa

NORTH: Atlantis Spa & Salon, Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno
atlantiscasino.com

SOUTH: Canyon Ranch SpaClub, The Venetian Resort Hotel Casino, Las Vegas
venetian.com

RURAL: 1862 David Walley's Hot Springs Resort and Spa, Genoa
davidwalleys-resort.com

State Park

NORTH: Lake Tahoe-Nevada State Park, Incline Village

SOUTH: Valley of Fire State Park, Overton

RURAL: Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, Gabbs
parks.nv.gov (all)

Tour Company

NORTH: Amador Stage Lines, Reno/Lake Tahoe
amadorstagelines.com

SOUTH: Pink Jeep Tours, Las Vegas
pinkjeptours.com



The Mob Museum

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Wedding Venue

NORTH: Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno
peppermillreno.com

SOUTH: Las Vegas Wedding Wagon
lasvegasweddingwagon.com

RURAL: 1862 David Walley's Hot Springs Resort and Spa, Genoa
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Thanks, RSCVA!



Nevada Magazine would like to thank the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority for sponsoring our 2013 Best of Nevada readers' survey. One lucky voter from Las Vegas won a Reno-Sparks travel package, including two nights accommodations at Eldorado Hotel Casino and a round of golf at Wildcreek Golf Course.

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Hopper, a red kangaroo (above), entertains a boy at Roos-N-More Zoo in Moapa Town. Also a resident of Roos-N-More, Banjo (right) is a curl-crested aracari, a smaller member of the toucan family. Daniel, a mountain lion who resides at Reno's Animal Ark (far right), was one of only three cubs to survive after their mother was shot.



ALISON LEEDHAM



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Safe Havens

Nevada's wildlife sanctuaries rescue animals while educating and entertaining visitors.

BY CAMBRIA ROTH

Animal Ark, Reno

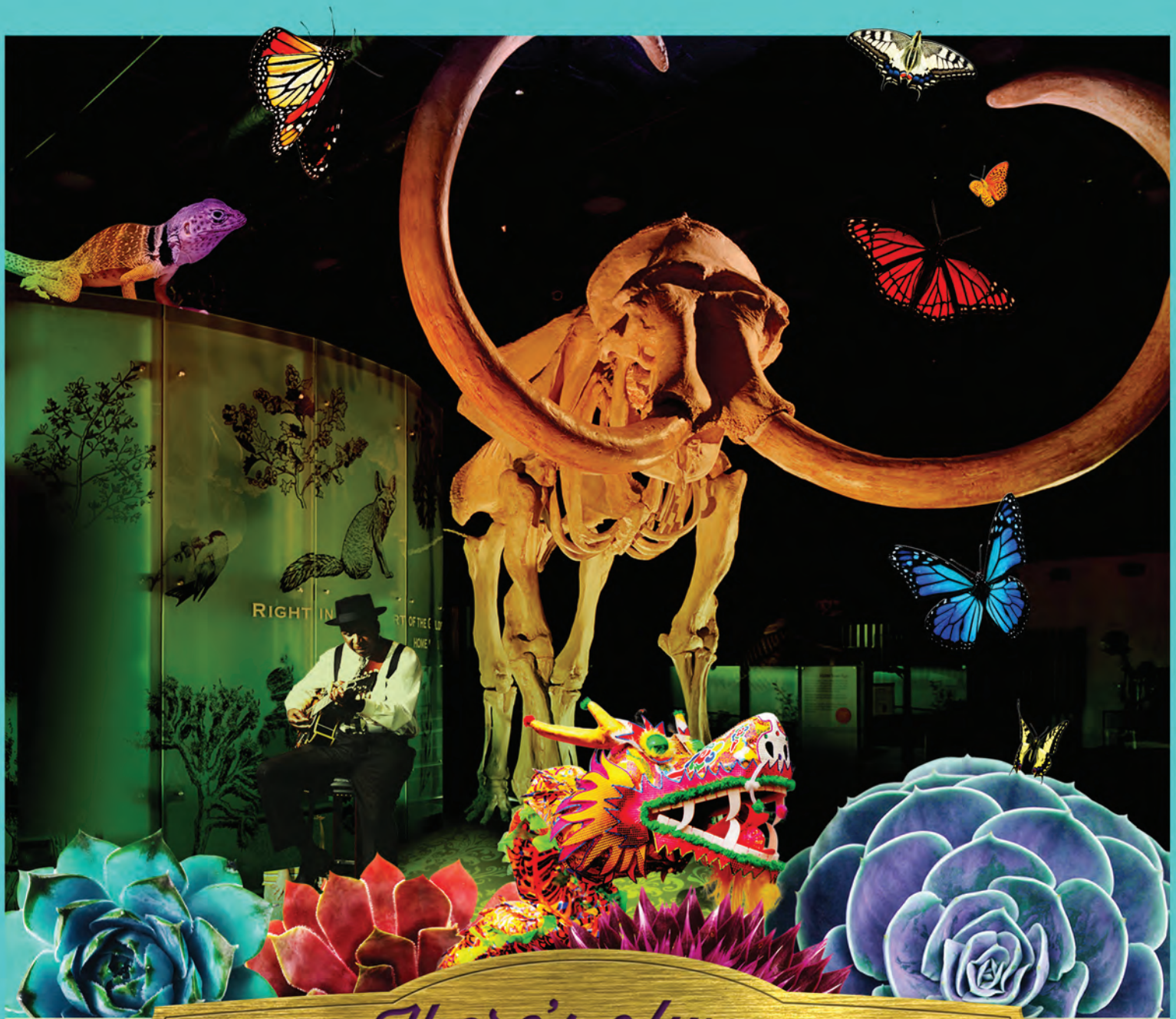
When entering Animal Ark, a short drive north of Reno, the first thing children notice is a newly built playground. Next are the tigers—a white tiger or Bengal depending on the day. “Wandering down the path is what makes Animal Ark special,” says Aaron Hiibel, executive director. “It isn’t row after row of animals in enclosures, but it is like going into the wild, and you see these animals from five feet away.”

The animals at Animal Ark vary from the slow-and-steady tortoises to the fast-and-furious tigers and cheetahs. Though it is a small organization, Animal Ark has ties with international cheetah conservation agencies in Botswana, Kenya, and South Africa. The sanctuary is open to the public for four annual cheetah runs,

in which visitors can observe the animals running at speeds of 70 mph. The Lure of the Cheetah event is July 6, and the On the Wind Cheetah Run is September 8.

Animal Ark was born 32 years ago when Hiibel and his wife, Diana, bought two Gray Wolves. After realizing the wolves shouldn’t be pets, they wanted to educate others. “Our mission statement is to inspire environmental stewardship through wildlife education,” Hiibel says. “We have an educational coordinator on site, and grant funding to increase our education programs, which impacts 8,000 kids. So if you want to learn about wildlife, Animal Ark is the place to go.”

While their philosophy is that wild animals belong only in the wild, Animal Ark’s employees believe, in reality, this likely isn’t possible. So for an animal to be in captivity, enrichment is a necessity. “We take piñatas and cardboard boxes and put chicken treats inside, and kids love to see the animal come out and try to



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An African Spurred Tortoise (above) observes the petting zoo at Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary in Las Vegas. White peacocks (right) are hard to miss at the sanctuary.

Opposite page, clockwise from top left: Visitor Alison Leedham holds Remy, a black-and-white ruffed lemur who lives at Roos-N-More Zoo. A family pets Jafar, a one-ton Bactrian camel, at Roos-N-More. Peter Renzo, founder of the S.A.B.R.E. Foundation in Stagecoach, stands with his Siberian tiger.



get that treat," Hiibel says.

Animal Ark is open seasonally from April to November, every Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It also hosts Ark At Dark on August 17, as well as a number of other events through Thanksgiving weekend.

Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary, Las Vegas

One of the few animal rescue centers located in Las Vegas, Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary is home to more than 200 birds. The sanctuary's focus is of the avian variety, so you will see and hear several different and unique species of birds, from parrots to swans—flying, swimming, chirping, and honking. "Our purpose is to foster the preservation of wildlife while providing cultural education for all visitors," says Taylor Andrews, executive director at Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary.

Gilcrease encourages responsible pet adoption so that the facility doesn't experience a growth in accepting future unwanted pets. They educate the public through on-site classes and presentations on animal wellness, and also give tours of the facility.

This organization is a nonprofit and is dependent upon admission fees, pet-adoption fees, and fundraising events throughout the year. "We like to think that our place is special because it's in the desert, and there aren't any other places around for animals to go," Andrews says.

Gilcrease adjusts the weather conditions for the birds by bringing them inside, or using heating systems for their cages during the winter. In the summer, because of the harsh desert heat, they are kept in cages with cooling systems.

For those who want to see larger species of animals, there are more than 40 different varieties including llamas, goats, donkeys, and tortoises. "Every animal has a special place. We understand

that some animals become unwanted, and we felt it necessary to have a place where they can come and be wanted," Andrews says.

The nature sanctuary is open to the public daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children.

Roos-N-More Zoo, Moapa Town

Roos-N-More Zoo began with a wallaby and a love for animals. In 2002, a wallaby named Pogo joined the family of Jay and Valerie Holt and soon after, Jay met and fell in love with a camel. When their mob of kangaroos and wallabies grew to 15, they decided it was time to move to the country from Las Vegas. In Moapa Town, Valerie found herself sharing the animals at her children's schools and, as the visitors stopping to see the animals increased, so did her and Jay's collection. Valerie was drawn to discovering and learning about uncommon species of animals that she had never known existed.

Today, Roos-N-More is home to nearly 300 animals, including lemurs, monkeys, a sloth, birds, reptiles, camels, a zebra, a caracal, a serval, tamarins, marmosets, wallabies, and kangaroos. "Without places like Roos-N-More, many of these animals would only be read about in books or seen on television," says Carrie Marques, animal care manager. "All animals play an important part in the world, and learning about how these animals live and interact with each other and their environments teaches us a lot about ourselves as humans."

This zoo is unique in that it is one of only three Zoological Association of America-accredited facilities in Nevada. To become accredited, a zoo must apply, go through a lengthy inspection process, and meet the ZAA criteria.

The animals at Roos-N-More are given enrichment items in their enclosures, keeping animals entertained and engaged in



JADON MONTERO



CHRIS NUNEZ

their surroundings. The zoo is operated on donations, admission prices, and private tours—plus occasional grants from generous businesses.

Roos-N-More Zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on specific zoo days each month, which can be found by visiting the website, roosnmore.org. The zoo also offers on-site parties, private tours, and the opportunity to “bring the zoo to you.”

S.A.B.R.E. Foundation, Stagecoach

As a child, Peter Renzo fell in love with tigers after visiting a big-cat doctor’s house. As he stood outside of the lion’s cage, he felt a sense of eeriness while looking at the size and strength of the huge animal. The doctor approached him, asked his name, then said, “Peter, would you like to come in the cage and pet my lion, Sampson?”

Renzo answered, “I don’t know. I hear all of these crazy stories about these cats and how they can hurt people.” The doctor answered nonchalantly, “Is that all you’re afraid of? Don’t worry. You never feel a bite that kills you.”

This was the beginning of a whirlwind romance between Renzo and Siberian tigers. He established the organization S.A.B.R.E. Foundation in 2000 after acquiring his prize tiger, Sabre, who weighed more than 1,000 pounds and was one of the largest Siberians. Sabre lived in Renzo’s house and was considered a part of his family. “After having Sabre, this beautiful animal, I decided I needed to do something for other tigers out there and the people who need to be educated about these cats,” Renzo says.

Located in Stagecoach, between Virginia City and Fallon, the acronym S.A.B.R.E. stands for Siberians Are Becoming Rapidly Extinct, and its goal is to preserve endangered animals and educate the public as they observe the six tigers on the premises. Renzo believes that it is only through education and awareness that the tiger population can rebound.

The difference with this foundation is that observers are able to watch Renzo feed and interact with the animals. They watch as he rubs heads with the tigers as if he is one of them. He gives the tigers kisses and hugs and seems to intermingle with the cat population. “People can relate better by seeing me pet the tigers, and it helps them see how tigers are similar to their house cats, and what we are saving,” Renzo says.

S.A.B.R.E. Foundation goes through more than 24,000 pounds of meat per year. Renzo uses feeding time as an educational tool to show visitors how the tigers would act in their natural habitat—with caution. “You can never forget that these are tigers,” Renzo says. “The female tigers eat their chunked meat as they growl and are extremely aggressive. They are still tigers and aren’t meant to be pets.”

The S.A.B.R.E. Foundation is open to the public five days a week: Friday through Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

CHARLIE JOHNSTON





PHOTOS: CINDY JOYCE

Rescued tiger Gage (top) and his enclosure mate, Sybre, were rescued from a defunct Ohio facility. Mandy (above right) is one of a trio of orphaned bobcats rescued by a rehab center in Scottsdale. Red fox Cheyenne (above) was orphaned at one month old, when her mother was killed by a car. Lynda Sugasa (left) poses with rescued cougar Max. All four of the animals above call central Nevada's Safe Haven Rescue Zoo, which Sugasa founded, home.

Opposite page: Whiston, a bobcat, was brought to Reno's Animal Ark by an individual that did not have the necessary permits to possess him.



WORTH A READ

Animal Helpers: Sanctuaries & Animal Helpers: Wildlife Rehabilitators

by Jennifer Keats Curtis

Sylvan Dell Publishing
sylvandellpublishing.com
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Kurtis is a Maryland author. Her *Animal Helpers: Sanctuaries* book (\$17.95, hardcover; \$9.95 paperback) contains images and info from Nevada's Safe Haven Rescue Zoo. *Wildlife Rehabilitators* is available for the same prices.

Safe Haven Rescue Zoo, Central Nevada

Safe Haven Rescue Zoo unofficially began in Northern Illinois when founder Lynda Sugasa rescued an injured opossum in 1999. Her passion for rescuing illegally owned or abandoned animals and rehabilitating wildlife began after that initial rescue. "It is important to provide life-long care for animals because they have the right to finish out their lives in dignity," Sugasa says.

By 2006, the zoo had outgrown its Midwest home and moved to a 160-acre property off State Route 400, about midway between Interstate 80 (exit 149 at Mill City) and Unionville in Buena Vista Valley.

Today Safe Haven is home to 30 permanent residents, including lions, Siberian tigers, mountain lions, African servals, bobcats, foxes, coyotes, and a Canadian Lynx, which have all been rescued throughout the United States. "A lot of people get cubs because they think they are cute and use them for photo-ops, but as they get older these people don't have use for the cubs anymore so they are surrendered," Sugasa adds.

Safe Haven is one of about 30 facilities of its kind in the country accredited by the American Sanctuary Association, and it recently became a verified organization with the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. It boasts 10,000-square-foot enclosures for animals that include climbing platforms and attack boxes to illicit wild behavior and prevent boredom. The zoo also hosts field trips for regional schools and encourages visitors. The best times to visit (available by appointment seven days a week) are in the morning and evening; midday summer visitors will find that animals are more prone to retreat to their dens because of the heat.

Annual animal sponsorships at Safe Haven are a great way to support the nonprofit facility

and are tailored to fit any budget, from \$250 sponsorships of African lions Ifaw and Kovu to \$30 for red fox Cheyenne. Safe Haven is hosting its second annual Tiger Dash 5k on October 12.

Sierra Safari Zoo, Reno

Jimmie Martin, Dale McDaniel, and Dave Dawson once had a collection of exotic animals, most notably ostriches, on their land behind Bonanza Casino in north Reno. However, when the amount of animals they collected became a zoo, quite literally, they wanted a place for people in Reno to observe them.

Hence, they opened the Sierra Safari Zoo in 1990, and it has been fostering compassion for and knowledge about animals ever since. Dale and Dave have since passed away, but their legacies remain. "We do this with a commitment for the responsible care of our animal ambassadors and to encourage the thoughtful stewardship of all animals on Earth," Martin says.

While it isn't a rescue facility, the zoo provides homes for animals that otherwise wouldn't have one. Whether it is a reptile outgrowing its family, a primate from a research facility, or a wildcat leaving its previous owner, the Sierra Safari Zoo is willing to give the animal a home. "I think it is important for us to care for animals because it is part of what makes us human and keeps us sane," Martin adds. "Not all people need to care for animals, but many of us are driven to do so."

Today, there are more than 200 animals at the zoo that comprise more than 40 species. Visitors might see a primate climbing atop trees in its private habitat, or a "liger" (the hybrid of a lion father and tiger mother) prowling with a lion's pride.

Thanks to the Zoo Crew (30 to 40 volunteers), each animal is well cared for, and the zoo takes every aspect of the animal's habitats into consideration by giving them spaces much larger than USDA requirements. While some animals are in open environments, other more dangerous animals are kept in enclosures with roofs. Temperature is always taken into account, and tropical animals are kept in climate-controlled enclosures. "The animals live longer, healthier, and lower-stress lives than their wild relatives," Martin says. "If humans stop destroying and moving into their habitats, there would be more space for them. Some animals' futures may only be in captivity."

Sierra Safari Zoo is open seasonally from April 1 to October 31, seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The zoo is located 10 miles north of downtown Reno. ■

MATTHEW B. BROWN



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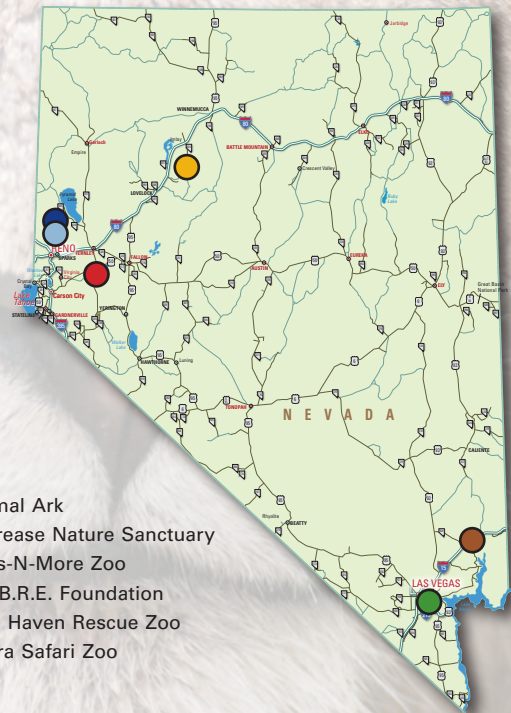
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Editor's Note: All of these sanctuaries accept donations, which can be made on their respective websites.



Discovering Nevada's Brand

BY CLAUDIA VECCHIO, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

On April 9, 2013, Governor Brian Sandoval unveiled Nevada's first-ever statewide brand. The culmination of almost two years of research and collaboration across several state agencies was conveyed in the launch of the new state brand. The brand was designed to be flexible enough to use by these agencies as well as organizations and businesses across the state.

Imagine trying to encapsulate the extraordinary natural, cultural, and commercial resources of this vast state into one set of words, a few colors, and a graphic image that creates an overarching message. Why, you may ask, should anyone attempt to lasso the maverick individualism of Nevadans into a pithy phrase? Because these words, colors, and images help Nevada connect with an array of audiences through conveying a clear, consistent, and compelling message that creates excitement, generates interest, and positions Nevada as the incredibly unique state that it is; and that drives business.

When the Nevada Commission on Tourism, in conjunction with

the Governor's Office, embarked on developing a statewide brand, we knew we had our work cut out for us. So, we enlisted the help of Nevadans (and other folks in key feeder markets) to determine the reasons why Nevada is so special (this helped in forming our direction). The responses were provided with true Nevada candor and great passion:

"This is still a frontier state. Nevada has the soul of an old timer in the wild west."—Carson City respondent

"I'd feel claustrophobic anywhere else. Here I can see the bones of the earth."—Elko respondent

Another respondent says: "Nevada morality. We don't judge or condemn others. People have their own business, but we are still there to help each other."

A photographer sees Nevada through a visionary lens: "I'm at Cathedral Gorge to take some photos at sunset. There's not another soul around. I am totally alone. It is here that it hits me; the sound.

It is completely silent. There are no trees or leaves to rustle in the wind. The silence is beautiful, sublime, and clarifying.”

From this input (and lots more) we developed four pillars that we believe convey the essence of Nevada:

1. Uninhibited Freedom — Nevada embraces the call of the frontier and the promise of the west — the space and freedom to do what you want, where you want, and when you want.

2. Inspiring Discoveries — The spirit of discovery runs deep in Nevada. It’s in our DNA. Like our natural wonders, much of the unexpected beauty of Nevada lies just beyond the horizon. The joy is in the journey of discovery.

3. Rewarding Adventures — Nevada is about doing, not simply seeing. The truly worthwhile experiences and memories always come with a bit of risk; the experience of a lifetime might be just a few more miles down the road or just around the corner.

4. Unexpectedly Diverse — Nevada is surprisingly diverse, from the variety of its entertainment to the beauty of its natural resources. Nevada is a state of dualities. We talk about ourselves in dualities. With so much to offer and given these dualities, we could ignore, blur, simply list, or celebrate this environment. We chose to celebrate.

Taking all this into account, we needed to craft language for the way we would communicate Nevada’s spirit and personality, along with the wealth of opportunities and experiences (combining the emotional with the intellectual as good brands do) *and the brand mantra was born:*

We are unwavering.

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We are a hardy bunch, unyielding and diverse, like the land itself.

We’re mountains of snow and valleys of fire.

We’re characters.

We live in our own world.

**When other states restrict,
We allow.**

**Sure, we’re silver mines and pickups
and long, lonely roads,
but we’re also artists and oddballs
and one-liner kings.**

**Yes, we’re Vegas,
but, we’re also Tahoe and the Hoover Dam
and wide-open country.**

**We’re unlike any other state in the Union.
We are Nevada.**

Melding all these components into one phrase that not only conveys the spirit of Nevada, but in and of itself communicates duality brought us to:

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Nevada’s Brand By the Numbers

For those of you who read and were as dismayed as we were by the completely incorrect headlines about the brand initiative costing \$9 million, let us provide the real tale of the tape:

\$9 million — the Nevada Commission on Tourism’s entire marketing budget (no, we didn’t spend it all on the brand). This budget includes international sales and marketing, broadcast and digital media buys, and a fully integrated marketing program.

\$218,000 — cost of the Green Rubino agency time to research and develop the initial brand platform. This is not an insignificant amount, we understand that. These funds were spent in a judicious and strategic way ensuring Nevada gained the greatest possible return from this contract.

\$0 — charge from Burson-Marsteller for adding the brand development to its contract. The agency developed the mantra, the tagline, and the creative.



BLUE LAKE DIVE

Northeastern Nevada provides the unlikeliest of scuba locations.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

For as long as I can remember, the idea of scuba diving has terrified me. So pervasive is my dread of depending on a tank, hose, and regulator for my survival—don't even get me started on the bends—that I have passed up several chances at free professional dive certification and several more invitations to travel to exotic locales to engage in the activity.

Luckily for me, scuba diving doesn't reckon on the list of activities a Nevada-based travel writer might find himself engaging in... right? Wrong. During a media-familiarization trip to the eastern Nevada border town of West Wendover last summer, I met my fear of scuba diving in the unlikeliest of locations.

AN UNLIKELY OASIS

Set amid wetlands on the southwestern edge of the hostilely arid Bonneville Salt Flats, about 20 miles south of West Wendover and a couple hundred feet over the Utah border, Blue Lake is an improbable dive site. But the lake's geothermal-heated water and relatively easy access from Salt Lake City make it a landlocked scuba-diving mecca.

The 60-foot-deep lake is fed by several warm springs, resulting in balmy underwater temperatures of up to 85 degrees and surface temperatures that rarely dip much below 70. What's more, the high volume of fresh water provided by the springs results in visibility of up to 40 feet in late fall when the lake's summer algae bloom has died off. Another good reason to visit in the fall is that warm summertime temperatures in the wetlands bring nasty swarms of mosquitos and horseflies.

A quarter-mile boardwalk leads from Blue Lake's parking area (an island of BLM land in the middle of an Air Force bombing range) through the marsh to the water's edge. There, an aluminum platform and dock provides divers and occasional fishermen—the lake is home to bass, bluegill, and tilapia—easy access.



DIVING WITH THE DIVE SHOP

Scuba instructors John Boynton and Robert Stell from The Dive Shop in the Salt Lake City suburb of Bountiful, Utah combine for more than 50 years of underwater experience and have aided countless first timers in getting their fins wet at Blue Lake. Their nonchalant, cheery attitudes put me at ease while their straightforward, no-nonsense instructions make it clear that safety is their top priority.

After sufficiently acquainting myself with the regulator and buoyancy compensator, it's time to descend underwater. Since my dive is taking place in early September, near the height of the algae bloom, visibility hovers below 10 feet, lending an eerie, surreal feeling of being suspended in an indefinite blue-green abyss.

Boynton and Stell are nearby should anything go wrong, and before a general feeling of helplessness in the submerged alien

world has the chance to overtake me, I remember their advice to focus on maintaining a steady breathing pattern to avoid panic.

Being unable to communicate with words underwater, scuba divers employ signals. There are quite a few, but some basics include: thumbs up means the dive is over, thumbs down indicates someone is diving deeper, a closed fist means to stop, and the thumb and forefinger joined to form a loop with the three remaining fingers splayed out both mean "Are you okay?" and "Yes, I am okay."

Both instructors frequently make sure the other divers and I are doing well as we follow a yellow nylon rope to a submerged platform. The platform and two more like it are used for dive training, and to help first timers such as myself to familiarize themselves with the delayed and lethargic nature of moving underwater. While I am perfectly content to drift between the platforms for the duration of my underwater adventure, the lake holds submerged treasures for more experienced divers, including the bubbling sources of its warm spring water, several purposefully placed sculptures, and some sunken boats.

Despite my initial fear, I am actually reluctant to ascend when the instructors give the "thumbs up," meaning our dive has concluded. Bobbing up and down in the

calm waters of Blue Lake, I have a newfound appreciation for the allure of scuba diving. That's not to say I'm not looking forward to the buffet that awaits me back in West Wendover. ▽

OPPOSITE PAGE, Top: Meagan Burr, Matthew Unrau, and Rachel Madison float atop Blue Lake. MIDDLE: Unrau. LEFT, Back Row (left to right): Unrau, Kerrie Supanich, Madison, and Burr. Center: Louise Noeth. Front: Richard Menzies and Charlie Johnston. ABOVE: Burr underwater.



Though much colder than eastern Nevada's Blue Lake and presenting more technical challenges due to its high altitude, Lake Tahoe is popular among warm-blooded scuba divers. While experienced divers can venture out on their own and choose from several popular dive sites such as Cave Rock and Sand Harbor, the rest of us are wise to explore the lake's legendarily clear waters with experts such as those at Reno's Sierra Diving Center. The full-service dive shop offers guided tours as well as training and equipment rentals.

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Spicy Pasta (left) is one of the many delicious entrées available at Zephyr Cove's Capisce?—yes, the restaurant uses a question mark in its business name, but there's no question that those who enjoy feasting on handmade Italian cuisine and spirits will love it. The filling raviolis (above), or "Ravs," with two topping choices, are a popular menu item. The homey décor of the restaurant (opposite page, bottom) welcomes visitors to the south side of Lake Tahoe.

Capisce?

Zephyr Cove's family-owned Italian eatery is worth the occasional wait, got it?

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

After several weeks of *Nevada Magazine* Senior Graphic Designer Danny Miller bragging about how great the handmade "Ravs" at Zephyr Cove's Capisce? are, I could barely wait for our waitress to set them on the table before digging in to taste for myself.

The swollen pillows of homemade pasta, Italian pork sausage, and imported cheeses are like no raviolis I've ever seen or tasted. As thick as they are wide, the raviolis more closely resemble pasta-wrapped meatballs than they do the nearly flat, filling-starved morsels that pass for raviolis at other Italian restaurants I've visited.

I cut my first in half, and it is still too big for a single bite. The cheese blend mixed with the sausage makes the filling subtly chewy, and the homemade pasta is just flavorful enough to stand up to the filling's Italian spices and rich flavor.

A simple butter-and-cheese topping lets the taste of the raviolis do the work, while the other topping option, Capisce?'s

own homemade gravy, lends a complex and hardy flavor to the raviolis. Eight "Ravs" (as they're called on the menu) come as a dinner option with either or both toppings, and the four-piece Ravioli Sampler appetizer provides an ingenious method to help keep your dinner companions from sneaking any off your plate.

Owner Rick Miller, Danny's brother, explains that the gravy that tops Capisce?'s raviolis is actually what most people would recognize as red sauce, "gravy" being the "old country" term for the porcini mushroom/tomato-based topping. Regardless of what it's called, one thing is certain: Capisce?'s gravy is universally adored by patrons. "People swear there's meat in it," Rick says with a chuckle. "But it's just porcini mushrooms and our four-hour cooking process."

Despite several attempts to coax more of the gravy's ingredients out of him, Rick remains tight-lipped about the coveted family recipe that also makes appearances on several more dishes, including tantalizingly crunchy-fried risotto balls, handmade pizzas, spaghetti and meatballs, and veal Parmigiana.

Far from a one-hit wonder, Capisce?'s menu contains a litany

of chart toppers to compete with the popular raviolis and gravy-smothered offerings. Spicy Pasta consists of homemade linguini with Andouille sausage, shrimp, bell peppers, and onion tossed in a light cream sauce with a kick. While the standard preparation of the dish is indeed quite spicy, the kitchen is happy to cut back on the spice—or turn up the heat—at a customer’s request.

Traditional lasagna with rich red sauce is a meaty and filling rendition of Italy’s premier comfort food, and linguini in a light pesto cream sauce with sautéed chicken breast shows the lighter side of Capisce?. If you find the menu too tantalizing to choose just one entrée, The Trio offers raviolis, lasagna, and a choice between Spicy Pasta or chicken pesto.

Recipes like that for the gravy are about the only things kept quiet at Capisce?. The family-owned eatery (Lisa Miller prepares recipes passed down through her family for generations, husband Rick and son Bryan tend to guests in the bar and dining room, and you can also find the daughters—Arianna, Gianna, and Annalyse—all lending a hand) imbues guests with a sense that they are at the Millers’ home for dinner. The bar is jovial most nights of the week, the dining room is only slightly less lively, and bartenders and waiters interact with their customers as though they are old friends. Some, in fact, are.

The Lake Tahoe eatery is in many ways the reincarnation of the Millers’ former Carson City restaurant, Devincenzi’s. When that restaurant closed about eight years ago, Rick says many of its regular customers grew anxious for the family’s next culinary venture. When Capisce? opened four years ago in June, it had a built-in clientele—and quickly started to win the hearts of more soon-to-be regulars.

“I can’t believe I waited so long to experience the amazingsness of Capisce?,” one of many flattering Yelp reviews reads. Mirroring our dining experience in March, online reviews of the restaurant focus on its friendly atmosphere; homemade pastas, gravy, and raviolis; and the crowd-favorite Lisa’s Buns.

Described on the menu as “A warm, sticky, cinnamon-infused, buttery sweet bun that will bring a smile to your face and tummy!” the dessert is a decadent and gooey cinnamon bun, elevated from the status of breakfast treat to the exclamation point capping off the best homemade Italian dinner at Lake Tahoe. So popular are the buns that Rick says they are in negotiations with a national grocery store chain about the prospect of mass-producing them. ▀

Lasagna with Pesto

Ricotta cheese	1 pound
Freshly grated imported Parmesan cheese	1 1/2 cups
Minced mozzarella cheese	1 cup
Minced fresh parsley	1/2 cup
Minced green onion	1/4 cup
Egg yolk	1
Marjoram	1/2 teaspoon
Minced garlic	1/2 teaspoon
Dried basil or fresh basil	1 1/2 teaspoons
Oregano	1/4 teaspoon
Lasagna noodles, cooked al dente and cooled	3/4 pound
Salt & freshly ground pepper	To taste
Your favorite pesto sauce	

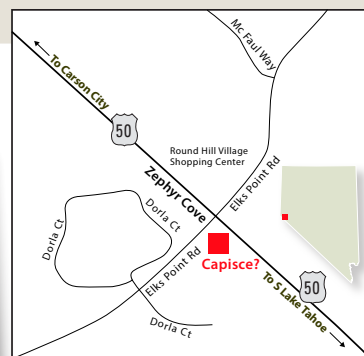


PREPARATION AND COOKING

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease a shallow, 2 1/2-quart baking dish. Combine the first 10 ingredients with salt and pepper to taste in a large mixing bowl, and blend well. Spread portion of cheese filling over each lasagna noodle. Roll up individually jelly-roll fashion, and stand vertically in a single layer in a baking dish. Pour pesto sauce over, cover, and bake until sauce is bubbly and heated through, about 30-40 minutes. Lasagna can be assembled one day before serving. Buon Appetito!



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Longtime Las Vegas discovers his voice and impresses a Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famer.



Clarence Collins and Keith Galliher Jr.

BY JANET M. GEARY

Currently, with the myriad of information that's available on the web, getting background information on someone is pretty easy. But when you look up Keith Galliher Jr., you have to go through the first several pages before you actually find anything about his current passion.

That's because Keith has not only been a practicing attorney in Las Vegas for the past 36 years handling many high-profile cases, but he has written a book on parent-child relationships, been a Judge Pro Tempore for the City of Las Vegas, and has served on multiple boards and professional organizations throughout his career.

But now, the 65-year-old's life has taken an unexpected turn—he has taken up singing. And we're not just talking about singing in the shower. He has several songs that are seeing airplay in the Bahamas and New York City, as well as on radio stations across the country. His songs are also available on iTunes and CD Baby.

Galliher readily admits that the success of his music would never have happened without the help of his good friend Clarence Collins. If that name sounds familiar, it's because

he was a founding member and singer with Little Anthony and The Imperials and is in the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.

Keith and Clarence have been friends for 35 years, and when Keith asked Clarence to help him produce a song for his wife, Linda, Clarence was duly skeptical. "I had no idea Keith sang," Clarence says. Of course, Keith had no idea either, but wanted to gift his beautiful wife with something very unexpected.

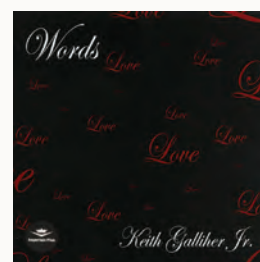
Collins had many contacts in the business and proceeded to set up a recording session at the Studio at the Palms—and the rest is history.

Clarence was blown away by Keith's ability to sing in any key he proposed as well as the even, melodic tone of his voice. Using some of his contacts throughout the industry, he has been able to get airplay for many of Keith's songs, including the haunting "Memory of All" that was written about 9/11, which can be heard on YouTube.

Keith is coming out with an entire album of love songs devoted to his wife, but says he has no plans to quit his practice and take up singing full time. Of course, if his album takes off, perhaps he could be persuaded.

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LARRY TURNER

A Legend Retires in Gerlach

Bruno Selmi, for many years the heart and soul of Bruno's Country Club in the northwestern town of Gerlach, has finally decided to call it quits. The spry 90-year-old celebrated his "last annual ravioli dinner" with family and friends in mid-April. Selmi—an Italian immigrant—arrived in Nevada in 1946, bought the club in Gerlach in 1952, and has been serving happy patrons ever since. The building is currently for sale, as Selmi will make a permanent move to Reno.

Photographer Larry Turner was among the many there to wish him farewell. "His establishment was packed with well wishers and friends as they consumed the Old World recipe and drank plenty of Picon Punches and red wine," Turner says. ▀

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PAT NEYMAN

A tagged monarch butterfly rests on Pat Neyman's hand before taking flight in Carson Valley. The tags allow Neyman (below, left) to monitor the insects' migratory patterns. One of the tagged butterflies was spotted in Santa Cruz recently (see cluster below, middle). Minden resident and *Nevada Magazine* employee Carrie Roussel hatched monarchs last summer. Her son, Spencer, holds one and smiles.



JOHN DAYTON



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The lovely sight of the monarch butterfly's trademark black, white, and orange fluttering wings is becoming more and more rare in Nevada's skies. According to The Nature Conservancy—an organization involved with monarch research efforts—an explanation for the insect's disappearance in the West may be due to the elimination of milkweed, an essential source of food for monarch caterpillars as they develop into butterflies.

The River Fork Ranch—a habitat restoration project in the Carson Valley—has been a critical nature research center for more than a decade. The Nature Conservancy purchased the ranch in 2000, with the goal of repairing its wetland, meadow, and riparian habitats along a two-mile stretch of the Carson River.

Milkweed happens to be part of the area's native plant restoration project, and that's good news for declining monarch populations (some studies show a 59 percent nationwide

decrease), as is the fact that volunteers working with The Nature Conservancy have been studying the insects extensively.

Fundamental to that research is monitoring migratory patterns, which helps biologists understand how they survive in different climates, and why the decline in population is happening here in Nevada. One question on scientists' minds has been where Nevada monarchs go for the winter. After all, the Carson Valley winters can be harsh even on the humans who call it home.

This past fall, local biologist Pat Neyman tagged and released 64 monarchs, many at River Fork Ranch, in order to observe their migratory patterns. Months later, one of Neyman's tagged butterflies was photographed in California's Santa Cruz area, a positive step in the effort to help restore monarch numbers. This work was the catalyst in the River Fork Ranch recently gaining official Monarch Way Station status. ▀

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MOBILE MUSEUM

Nevada was one of the first states to bring its rich history to children and adults alike.



Clark J. Guild and docent Nancy Bowers await visitors to the Nevada State Museum Mobile Unit in 1954, its inaugural year. Peter Herlan (below), driver and docent, shows elementary schoolchildren in Wadsworth a bird display, which toured in 1962-63.

BY PETER BARTON

In 1953, Judge Clark J. Guild, founder of the Nevada State Museum, along with James W. Calhoun, recognized that the state's wide-open spaces prevented many Nevada schoolchildren from visiting the museum in Carson City. The men sought a way to take the rich and countless stories of Nevada's cultural and natural heritage to the children and the people of the Silver State. Their solution was, like Nevada, pioneering.

The Nevada State Museum opened in the historic Carson City U.S. Mint building on Nevada Day (October 31), 1941. In 1949, Guild hired Calhoun to work at the museum. Two years later, Calhoun became director, a position he would hold until his retirement in 1973. Calhoun's wife, Thelma, was one of the museum's first docents.



The Vision

Having attended national museum conferences, the Calhouns had seen small vans outfitted by various museums to visit schools in large cities. That was the inspiration for the notion to create a true traveling museum that would be fitted with exhibit cases, artifacts, and label text. The mobile unit would travel to Nevada's schools and appear at state and county fairs.

Calhoun approached Guild with the concept. The judge immediately embraced the plan and spent the summer of 1953 engaged in an intensive campaign writing letters, appearing at service clubs, and generally appealing for funds to make the



success, Calhoun was next faced with finding someone who would serve as docent and driver, willing to be away from Carson City for extended periods of time.

Mike Shaughnessy, an employee of the Nevada State Museum, was given the task of making a trial run with the mobile museum to schools in Reno. Being well received there, the museum hired Peter Herlan, a biologist, to tour as the first driver/docent. In 1954-55, the first year of operation, the mobile unit made stops at all of Nevada's 98 schools and hosted more than 33,000 students.

As became customary, the mobile unit would return to Carson City in late spring of each year for maintenance and re-fitting with new exhibits. As Guild noted in his oral history published in 1967, "Nothing is the same in the year following." As each new exhibit was planned and prepared, the museum curators published a guide for teachers and students.

For the third year of operation, 1956-57, the mobile unit featured exhibits on Nevada's native peoples; '57-'58 featured Nevada mammals with the goal to "instill a visual picture of the need for conservation of wildlife," followed by birds of Nevada in the next tour.

Various museum reports over the years note the popularity of birds as a preferred subject. Thus, in 1962-63, birds of Nevada were featured, as was an exhibit on egg comparisons. Included were the huge eggs of the cassowary, ostrich, and emu.

The Mobile Museum Evolves

By 1960, Nevada's population had grown to surpass 285,000, and the number of schools stood at more than 225. It was no longer logistically possible for the mobile museum to visit all the state's schools on an annual basis. Beginning that year, the mobile unit would alternate between touring northern and southern Nevada schools, while the museum considered acquiring a second mobile unit. About this same time the museum replaced the aging station wagon with a pickup truck.

The seventh tour ('60-'61) featured exhibits related to fossils, landforms, and the discovery of oil in central Nevada. The '62-'63 tour commenced in August in Ely with an appearance at the Nevada Fair of Industry, followed by a visit to the Washoe County Fair in September. A new curator of geology, George Wilson, was assigned the duty of mobile unit docent/driver.

On completing nine years of touring in mid-1963, the museum compiled statistics to show that since inception the mobile museum had traveled 32,671 miles, been seen by 412,689 schoolchildren, and visited 1,359 schools, without any cost to the taxpayer.

With Nevada about to celebrate its Centennial in 1964, the museum went to work on developing more extensive exhibits for the tenth tour to launch in the '63-'64 school year. Titled "Historic Nevada," the museum modified its plan to spend that year in the



Top: James W. Calhoun (left) and Guild were the visionaries of the mobile museum, which operated from 1954-68 in Nevada. The traveling museum contained many exhibits, including one about American Indian basketry (above), which toured in 1967.

mobile museum a reality. In the meantime, Calhoun consulted with trailer manufacturers, took measurements, and drew up plans for exhibit cases.

With generous funding coming primarily from the Fleischmann Foundation, the go-ahead was given to purchase a 35-foot trailer from Columbia, a trailer manufacturer in Los Angeles. The trailer was taken off the assembly line, specially fitted with exhibit cases, painted blue and silver, and delivered to Carson City, where the museum's newly acquired station wagon was fitted with a trailer hitch to tow it.

A Museum on Wheels is Born

The mobile museum launched at the Washoe County Fair in summer 1954. The inaugural exhibits featured specimens of Nevada's natural history—birds and mammals along with archeological objects. Guild, accompanied by docent Nancy Bowers, played host. Large crowds flocked to experience this innovative mobile museum, one of the first in the nation. Bolstered with this early



Students from Red Rock Elementary School in Las Vegas file into the Nevada State Museum Mobile Unit. It was documented that it visited more than 1,500 Nevada schools in 14 years. *The Development of Transportation* exhibit (bottom) was featured in 1963-64.

southern part of the state and instead planned to visit most communities across Nevada as the museum's contribution to the "big birthday party." The following excerpt from the exhibit guide for the Centennial tour gives insight into how this was accomplished:

We are able to touch only briefly on varied phases of Nevada's development in our limited display area, but we hope in these brief glimpses to excite an interest and curiosity that will inspire further study.

The exhibits focused on immigration and settlement, Nevada Governors, the Nevada Legislature, mining, Chinese in Nevada, ranching, lumbering, the Pony Express, and a broader study of transportation.

The '67-'68 tour would be the last as continued rapid growth across Nevada, combined with increased difficulty finding staff willing to be away from home for extended periods, led to the difficult decision to retire the mobile museum at the conclusion of the 1968 school year. In its stead, the Nevada State Museum developed a program of loaned exhibit cases and artifacts, which were shipped to schools around the state.

The End of An Era

By the end of the Nevada State Museum Mobile Unit era, it had accumulated more than 50,000 miles along the roads and back roads of Nevada and had been visited by more than 450,000 schoolchildren and adults—virtually the entire population of Nevada at the time. Its operation was entirely through donated funds. The program was truly innovative.

As noted in the Nevada State Museum Biennial report of 1954, "As but few museums have such a service extending museum facilities, the trustees and staff are very proud that the Nevada State Museum can thus be taken to the people of the State, many of whom are separated from Carson City by great distance."

Guild knew the value of museums to education and embarked on finding a way to make the museum relevant in the classroom. As Guild noted in his oral history, "The mobile unit traveling to the schools of Nevada has taken its place in the Nevada school system and is acclaimed by the educators as a valuable teaching adjunct." Guild and Calhoun changed the face of museum education and its delivery in ways still being felt today. ▀

Will She Ride Again?

Last year, as attention began to focus on the upcoming 2014 150th anniversary of Nevada's statehood, a Planning Committee appointed by Governor Brian Sandoval began to think of ways to create a celebration that would be inclusive for all Nevadans. The concept of a mobile museum surfaced again. Maybe, just maybe, we could put a new coat of paint on the 1954 trailer, now stored at the Nevada State Museum Indian Hills Curatorial Center (below), and put it back in service for Nevada. Time will tell.



PETER BARTON

BY THE NUMBERS

What: Nevada State Museum Mobile Unit

When: 1954-1968

Miles Traveled: 50,000+

Schools Visited: 1,500+

Museum Visitors: 450,000+



LOOKING BACK

With an education system as rich in history as the state itself, some schools across Nevada have survived through the decades. As for the fate of a few, only photographs and rubble remain. Interestingly, all three photographs below were taken in 1939.



PHOTOS: NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Above: Constructed in 1930 by renowned Reno architect George A. Ferris, Las Vegas High School was the first high school built in the city.

Below: Fallon High School saw its share of additions, including a gymnasium, library, and agricultural building.

Bottom: Goldfield's Sundog Elementary School was eventually razed.



Schoolhouse Memories

When Las Vegas High School opened in 1931, it was among the few Art Deco-style buildings erected in the city at that time. Built on the then-outskirts of Las Vegas, the school took criticism for being too far of a commute for many students, and in the late 1980s a new campus was built in a more desirable location. Today the building is home to the Las Vegas Academy, founded in 1993. The original campus has since been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

C. Lewis Wilson of Monrovia, California was the original architect of the Fallon High School, built in 1917 and opened in 1918. According to the Churchill County Museum, the school underwent a major renovation in 1922. Later additions—including a science wing in 1966—changed the school significantly. The building is now used for the Churchill County School District's administrative services.

While Sundog Elementary School in Goldfield no longer stands, its stones now line the Nevada Department of Transportation building in neighboring Tonopah. One stone, however, never made it to Tonopah. The school was completed in 1908, minus one stone. An article in the *Pahrump Valley Gazette* tells a tale of the death of a young girl named Joy and her mother's theft of the rock to be used as a headstone. Joy's mother carved her daughter's name into the stone, which resided in Goldfield for many years. Eventually it succumbed to the elements. A new headstone has replaced the former and still reads, "JOY." ▀

JABBAWOCKEEZ OPENS "PRISM"

AVANT-GARDE DANCE GROUP STOMPS IN THE LUXOR SPOTLIGHT.



JOSHUA JOSE

After being crowned victors of MTV's "America's Best Dance Crew" in 2008, the success and fame of Jabbawockeez skyrocketed, eventually leading the group to the big time in Las Vegas. As the first dance crew to open a resident show on the Strip in 2010 with its wildly successful performance "MÜS.I.C.," Jabbawockeez became an innovative force.

Donning their signature expressionless white masks paired with intricate costumes and even more intricate dance moves, Jabbawockeez returns to the Strip with a new captivating experience. "PRISM" brings fresh twists to the Jabbawockeez act, including a new performance stage, cutting-edge technology, and modern musical hits.

Guests enjoy the new, high-intensity performance from the 830-seat theater at Luxor. Amphitheater-style seating, paired with state-of-the-art acoustics, creates an intimate atmosphere.

Accompanying Jabbawockeez is JBWKZ Records artist The Bangerz, who will be mixing chart-topping hits with original tracks, leaving guests of all ages nodding to the beats.

Renee West, president and COO of Luxor, says, "The Jabbawockeez show is a one-of-a-kind experience that deserves a unique space to truly highlight the production's innovative performance elements. The crew will bring unparalleled energy and fresh creativity to the resort."

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Named the Best Production Show by the Southern Nevada Hotel Concierge Association's Choice Awards for the third consecutive year, "Le Rêve" has been captivating Las Vegas audiences since its debut in 2005. A seamless combination of comedy, acrobatics, and dance paired with artistic athleticism has made this show a success.

"Le Rêve" translates to "The Dream" in French—rightfully so considering the dreamy ambiance of the show. High-diving, feats of strength, and synchronized swimmers doing the tango in red high heels, "Le Rêve" has something for everyone. With no seat more than 40 feet from the stage, you're sure not to miss the action.
Showtime: Fri.-Tues., 7 & 9:30 p.m.

DINNER AND A SHOW

If a meal and a show appeal more to your interests, the "Dream with Your Eyes Open" dinner-and-show package may be just what you're looking for. The package includes dining at Andrea's restaurant at the Wynn, featuring a three-course Asian feast, followed by tickets to "Le Rêve." Tickets start at \$185 per person.



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NEWS

- **Camp Broadway** returns to The Smith Center for the Performing Arts in Las Vegas July 8-12, allowing children ages 10-17 to unlock their true Broadway potential. Tapping into the talent of Broadway artists, the program is aimed toward boosting children's theatrical skills and self esteem.

thesmithcenter.com/campbroadway

- After three years of performing at the Wynn legendary country artist **Garth Brooks** and casino owner Steve Wynn announced that they plan to film Brooks' Fourth of July weekend concerts. The taping of the concerts, which will eventually be available on DVD, is aimed to memorialize Brooks' time on stage in Las Vegas. wynnlasvegas.com



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FUN RUN

WELLS CELEBRATES WITH AN ARRAY OF HIGH-OCTANE EVENTS.

For three days every July, the Northern Nevada town of Wells puts the pedal to the metal during the Wells Fun Run Car Show & Cruise. The festival revs up with Friday drag races at the Wells Municipal Airport. The remainder of the first day is celebrated eating "road-kill BBQ" at the 4 Way Cafe and Casino, before finishing the night with a beach party, fireworks, and a '50s and '60s rock 'n' roll dance party.

The next morning, attendees can enjoy a breakfast in the Wells City Park before the show and shine begins. Showing off their super-clean paint jobs and flawless interiors, classic-car owners take advantage of some time to relax and watch as people admire their works of art. Next comes the poker run, complete with a grand prize of \$400. The proceeding Saturday night cruise through downtown gives participants a chance to point out their favorite rides.

Immediately following the parade is the infamous burnout contest. Drivers spin their tires on the asphalt while the car remains in place, creating billowing plumes of fluffy white smoke. After the smoke has cleared, the block is closed down for the "Now Everyone Knows Where the Hell Wells is Celebration and Street Dance."

On Sunday morning, a breakfast in the park and a final show and shine takes place before the cars are judged and awards are distributed to the winners. ▀



WELLS FUN RUN CAR SHOW & CRUISE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 26

10 a.m.	Registration at 4 Way Cafe and Casino
Noon-4 p.m.	Drag Racing at Wells Municipal Airport
3-6 p.m.	Road Kill BBQ at 4 Way
After Dark	Fireworks at 4 Way
10 p.m.	'50s & '60s Rock 'n' Roll Dance at 4 Way

SATURDAY, JULY 27

7-9 a.m.	Breakfast at Wells City Park
8 a.m.	Registration Opens
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Show & Shine at Wells City Park
1:30-5 p.m.	Poker Run
6:30 p.m.	Saturday Night Cruise in Downtown
7:30 p.m.	Burnout Contest on Front Street
8:30 p.m.	Celebration & Street Dance on Main Street

SUNDAY, JULY 28

7-9 a.m.	Breakfast at Wells City Park
8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Show & Shine at Wells City Park
1 p.m.	Awards Ceremony



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Race to the Angel



Driving through eastern Nevada is a splendor in itself. However, when racing on foot from Wells to the East Humboldt Range toward a scenic alpine lake, you can imagine how the splendor intensifies.

The 28th annual Race to the Angel, September 7, gives runners, walkers, mountain bikers, and road bikers the chance to enjoy the aforementioned scene for themselves. The approximately half-marathon race, which generally draws roughly 150 participants, begins its paved, 12.5-mile course in downtown Wells and climbs nearly 3,000 feet to Angel Lake.

The registration fee of \$30 (\$40 the day of the event) includes a pre-race spaghetti dinner provided by the 4 Way Cafe and Casino, a race shirt, and a post-race awards picnic at Wells City Park. Walkers begin at 7 a.m., runners at 7:30 a.m., mountain bikers at 8 a.m., and road bikers at 8:30 a.m. racetotheangel.org

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Nevada author Robert Laxalt (left) and Peter Echeverria—key organizer of the inaugural National Basque Festival—pose in traditional Basque attire.

For five decades, the Basque communities of Nevada and neighboring states have been celebrating their heritage during Elko's annual National Basque Festival. This year, the North American Basque Organization and the Elko Basque Club collaborate to celebrate Basque culture.

The festival kicks off with traditional Basque customs, such as strongman competitions, log-sawing competitions, handball, and traditional Basque games. Dancing holds a prominent place in the festival, as dancers are known for their unique dress and style. The festival also provides opportunities for children to learn about traditional musical instruments.

The three-day event includes a parade, picnic, and a Saturday night dance in the Basque clubhouse.



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July 1-31

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Host to nearly 500 events and more than 100 workshops in the Reno area this July, Artown has been encouraging people to participate in the community and reinvent downtown Reno's artistic side since 1996. The month-long event aims to showcase all types of art. The diversity of Artown is vast, hosting dance, music, theater performances, art workshops and galleries, films and documentaries, museum exhibits, and plenty of activities and entertainment for kids. See the website for a full list of events.

HOW MESQUITE IT IS

FINE ARTS CENTER STILL GOING STRONG AFTER 10 YEARS.



Indian Woman, acrylic by Janet Trobough

There's no mistaking what the building at Mesquite Boulevard and Yucca Street houses—art. That's what it says on each side of the contemporary structure—designed by Eric Strain—that stands proudly amongst a collection of colorfully painted utility boxes and murals, complete with a desert landscape garden. The real surprise,

however, is the variety and quality of the original artwork that greets visitors to the Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery.

Since 2003—the year the City of Mesquite built the Mesquite Fine Arts Center—the gallery has been staffed and managed by volunteers of the Virgin Valley Artists Association. Public art, mural-painting workshops, a community art display of 40 wooden Mesquite Coyotes decorated by local businesses, and a special exhibition called “A Perfect Ten” mark the 10th anniversary of this community treasure.

VVAA hosts monthly art exhibitions, lectures, classes, concerts, and gatherings that have made the gallery a social hub in Mesquite. Financial assistance from the Nevada Arts Council, National Education Association, City of Mesquite, and private donors helps support VVAA's community art education program.

The cornerstone of the gallery's success, however, is the locally created artwork it sells: paintings, pottery, sculpture, glass,

fabric art, jewelry, and more. Growing from a group of about 25 artists in 2003, VVAA now prides itself on a roster of more than 200 members.

Located at 15 West Mesquite Boulevard, the gallery is adjacent to the Virgin Valley Heritage Museum and next to a collection of restaurants and shops.—*Linda Faas*

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Mesquite Fine Arts Center

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BACKCOUNTRY *Lakes*

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

On a hot summer day, there's nothing quite like coming around the bend of a back road and arriving at a pristine mountain lake. "In the desert?," you say? Yes, we specialize in dry and hot, but we also have a multitude of mountains. And tucked away in those lofty Nevada ranges are some beautiful, refreshing bodies of water.



Pictured here is Hobart Reservoir, northwest of Carson City via dirt roads. Located at an elevation of 7,650 feet in the Carson Range, the reservoir is owned by the state and used as a water source for the capital city. The initial dam was completed in 1877, then rebuilt in 1956 following a washout.

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ANGEL LAKE

This natural, high-elevation alpine lake in the East Humboldt Range is accessed via the scenic byway of Angel Lake Road, or State Route 231, and only 12 miles from the northeastern Nevada town of Wells. “It’s just a throwback,” says Matt Holford, president of the Wells Chamber of Commerce. “You’re out here in the desert on [Interstate] 80, and within a short distance you can be at an alpine lake...nice and cool. It’s such a great view.”



Beautiful Angel Lake is a great spot for canoeing, kayaking, and fishing for rainbow and brook trout. A variety of wildlife, including bighorn sheep, mountain goats, deer, and birds of prey, make their home around the lake. Wildflowers (left) are abundant during late spring and early summer.

ANGEL LAKE

ACCESSIBLE: JUNE-OCT.

Elevation: 8,000
Surface: 13 acres
Depth: 35 feet
Boating: Yes (motorless)
Camping: Yes
(Angel Lake & Angel Creek)
Fishing: Yes (trout)
Hiking: Yes

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CAVE LAKE

Cave Lake State Park is a year-round recreational mecca within Nevada's scenic Schell Creek Range. The natural lake teems with fish—and whoppers at that. "We regularly stock Cave Lake with rainbow trout in addition to the native brown trout available," says Nevada Department of Wildlife fisheries biologist Chris Crookshanks. "Crawdadding is also permitted." Earlier this spring, two fishermen nabbed 14- and 15-pound German Brown trout, respectively, from its waters.

Winter activities include ice-skating, ice-fishing, and cross-country skiing. The park is 15 miles south of Ely in eastern Nevada on U.S. 93 and Success Summit Road (S.R. 486).



Cave Lake is home to some of eastern Nevada's more creative events, including Cocktails and Cannons (June) and the White Pine Fire and Ice Show (January). Cocktails and Cannons features canoe and kayak races, and Fire and Ice takes advantage of the area's winter chill with ice-sculpting competitions. Both events are highlighted by fireworks shows.

CAVE LAKE

ACCESSIBLE: YEAR-ROUND

Elevation: 7,300
Surface: 32 acres
Depth: 25-60 feet
Boating: Yes
(motorized cannot exceed 5 mph)
Camping: Yes
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Fishing: Yes (trout)
Hiking: Yes

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MARLETTE LAKE

Marlette Lake was constructed in 1873 to meet the water needs of Virginia City through a network of flumes and pipes. The State of Nevada acquired the lake in 1963, and it was first opened to fishing in 2006. It's one of the few waters in the world that supports Lahontan cutthroat trout.

Spooner Lake, to the south, provides a main trailhead for hikers to gain access to the Marlette/Hobart Backcountry. The five-mile trail to Marlette via North Canyon Road is popular and affords stunning views in the fall among the aspens. A hiker and horse trail parallels this road for four miles. There is no camping at the lake, but there are three primitive, walk-in sites in the area: Marlette Peak, Hobart, and North Canyon.

Sunset-illuminated clouds reflect off Marlette Lake in western Nevada's Carson Range. The lake is only a few miles to the east of its enormous and world-renowned neighbor, Lake Tahoe.

MARLETTE LAKE

ACCESSIBLE: JUNE-OCT.

Elevation: 7,800
Surface: 381 acres
Depth: 45 feet
Boating: Yes (motorless)
Camping: No
Fishing: Yes (trout; barbless hooks; July 15-Sept. 30)
Hiking: Yes

MORE INFO:

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HOBART RESERVOIR

As the crow flies, Hobart Reservoir is just a few miles northeast of Marlette Lake, but accessing it—via foot or vehicle—is challenging. Most people drive to the reservoir from Carson City by way of dirt roads, which require four-wheel drive. Still, vehicles cannot drive directly to the lake, so visitors have to hike or bicycle in. Due to its high elevation, much of the lake may still be covered with ice up to early May.

Picturesque in all seasons, Hobart Reservoir is especially so in the fall, when some of the trees on its shores change colors and prepare to face the long, cold winter. Its glassy surface lures photographers to make the challenging drive into the Carson Range backcountry.



NEIL LOCKHART

HOBART RESERVOIR

ACCESSIBLE: MAY-OCT.

Elevation: 7,650
Surface: 10 acres
Depth: 15 feet
Boating: Yes (motorless)
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RUBY MOUNTAINS

The Ruby Mountains, southeast of Elko in northeastern Nevada, stand out for their beauty alone, but it's also the abundance of small lakes that make them especially unique in a state that boasts more than 300 mountain ranges. The Rubies were so heavily glaciated during the last Ice Age, they are far wetter than the typical Nevada range. Keep in mind that many of these lakes are frozen from late October to early June—or longer.

The most convenient way to access the Rubies is via the Lamoille Canyon Road National Scenic Byway, accessible from S.R. 227. The road runs southeast from the quaint town of Lamoille and is the access point for two campgrounds and the Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail.

Tevyn Esplin (top) poses, with Overland Lake in the background, while hiking the Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail in the Ruby Mountains. The grandiose range, Nevada's wettest and many would argue most beautiful, is full of backcountry lakes. Lamoille Lake (below) and Liberty Lake (right) are accessible to day hikers, whereas waters such as Seitz Lake (above, right) will require more adept path finding.



DINI ESPLIN



PHOTOS: SUE KENNEDY

CASTLE LAKE

This 14-acre lake, located on a shelf near the head of Kleckner Canyon, is one of the sources of Kleckner Creek. It's a destination only for the serious backpacker.

COLD LAKES

Consisting of Upper Lake and Lower Cold Lake, these tiny bodies of water lie in the northern Ruby Mountains and are reached via a challenging hike, and it's a difficult trek even on horseback. Numerous Basque carvings exist in the aspen groves of this stretch of the Rubies.

DOLLAR LAKES

One of the convenient lakes for the casual hiker, this is a relatively easy hike from the terminus of the Lamoille Canyon Road scenic byway. "The Ruby Crest Trail...crosses three creeks on Forest Service bridges," writes Scott Smith in *Moon Nevada*, before reaching Dollar Lakes at 9,600 feet.

ECHO LAKE

Bruce Grubbs, author of *Hiking Nevada*, describes this venture as "a two- or three-day...backpack trip through a rugged, but scenic less-traveled area" of the Rubies. Nearby Box Canyon is filled with majestic aspen stands.

FAVRE LAKE

Reached by the more durable backpacker and hiker, it's been said that in the early morning, this lake reflects the peaks as though it were beveled in glass. A meadow slopes down to its shore.

GRISWOLD LAKE

Most hikers will pass tiny Griswold Lake—a great place to take a rest—with larger aspirations to reach nearby 11,387-foot Ruby Dome.

HIDDEN LAKES

According to rubymountaintrails.blogspot.com, "The Hidden Lakes are a pair of glacial gems tucked up on a bench above Soldier Basin. This hike is quite different from many in the Rubies. For one, it's much lower elevation, meaning that you spend a fair bit of time walking through the dappled sunshine of aspen groves."

ISLAND LAKE

The easy, 1.7-mile hike from the end of Lamoille Canyon Road to Island Lake "has wildflowers galore along with tall limber pines," according to trimbleoutdoors.com. It's also a chance to try to spot an elusive and rare bird, the Himalayan Snowcock.

LAMOILLE LAKE

This is a popular destination for day hikers and fishermen, as it's not far from Dollar Lakes. Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail passes Lamoille Lake's eastern shore before beginning a steep climb to Liberty Pass.

LIBERTY LAKE

The Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail runs along the western shore of Liberty. "As you descend, the lake dramatically springs into view, reflecting vertical rock cliffs in the deep-blue waters," writes Michael C. White in *50 Classic Hikes in Nevada*.

NORTH FURLONG LAKE

At the head of North Furlong Canyon, this lake is a common camp for users of the Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail, which passes nearby. It's the primary source for a creek of the same name.

OVERLAND LAKE

This is the southernmost named alpine lake in the Ruby Mountains. It's "set in a classic glacial cirque snuggled against the crest of the range," according to Grubbs.

ROBINSON LAKE

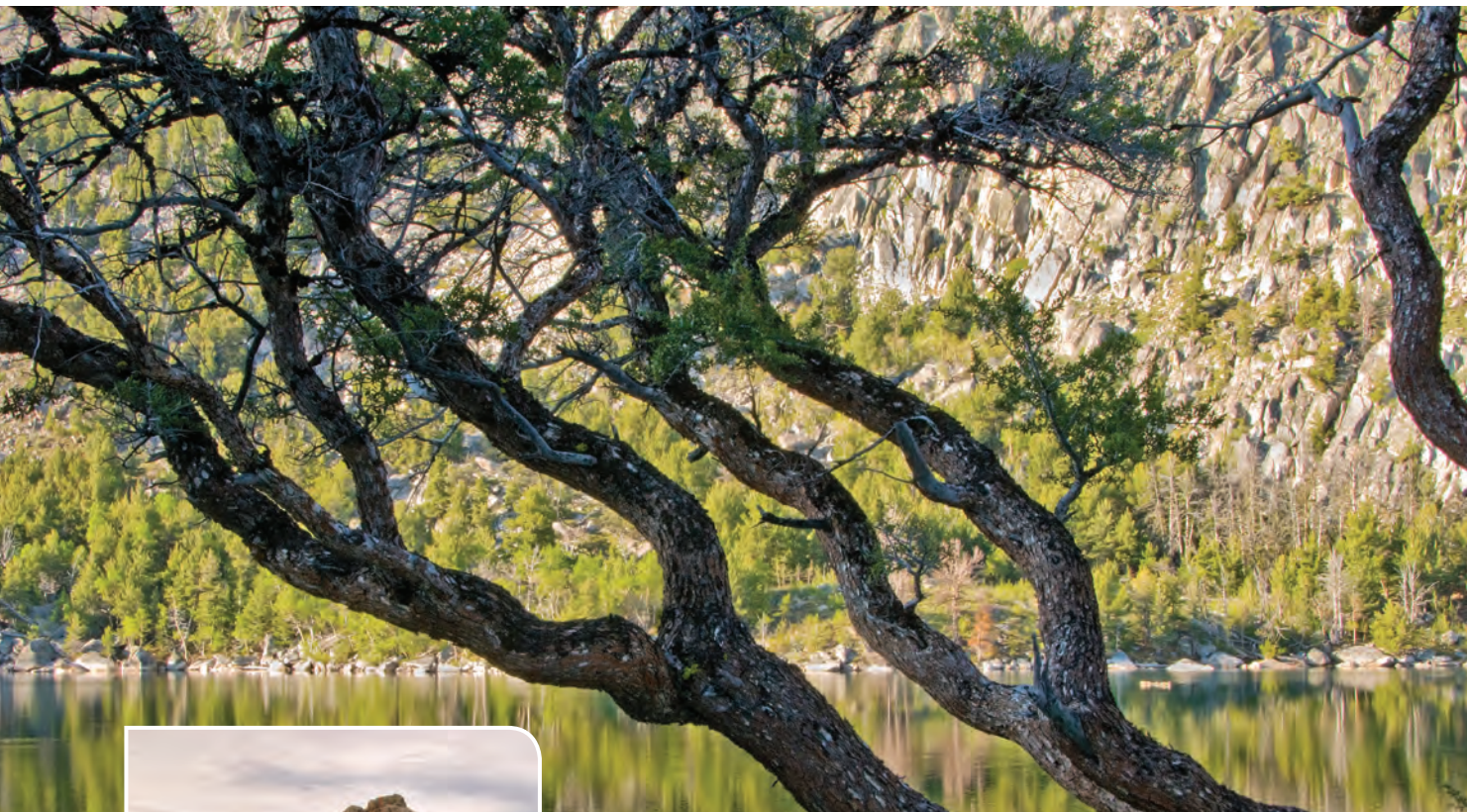
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SOLDIER LAKES

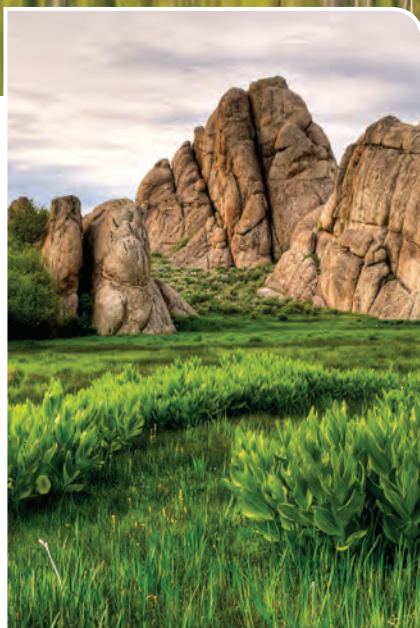
The Soldier Lakes are a cluster of more than a dozen glacial tarns in the Rubies.

VERDI LAKE

Verdi Lake is unusual compared to its Ruby Mountains brethren. It is the highest lake in the range, meaning it's typically the last to thaw. Also, it does not have a consistent outlet. Lake water seeps into the soil and emerges as a spring several hundred yards down Talbot Canyon.



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For being such rugged country, the Pine Forest Range is quite easy on the eyes—and camera lenses. The terrain around Alder Creek (above) is highlighted by out-of-this-world rock formations. South of this, within the range, are Blue Lakes (top) and a handful of other reservoirs that comprise one of the state's best-kept fishing secrets.

PINE FOREST RANGE

Blue Lakes are located in the picturesque Pine Forest Range. A bill to make it an official Wilderness Area has reached Congress and will likely be voted on soon. The three lakes (one large lake and two smaller ones) lie above 8,000 feet and can freeze over well into June.

NEAR BLUE LAKES

Knott Creek Reservoir

The Nevada Department of Wildlife website refers to this lake “one of Nevada’s most beautiful.” It covers more than 200 surface acres and is a fly fisherman’s paradise from June through November, when fishing is permitted.

Onion Valley Reservoir

Constructed in the early 1960s as an irrigation reservoir, aspen groves elevate the beauty of this approximately 100-acre lake. Its sister, Little Onion Reservoir, is located a short distance to the southwest.

PINE FOREST RANGE

ACCESSIBLE: JUNE-OCT.

Elevation: 8,300
Surface: 24 acres (largest lake)
Depth: 25-45 feet
Boating: Yes (motorless)
Camping: Yes (primitive)
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NEIL LOCKHART

COLUMBINE CAMPGROUND

Don't let Columbine Campground's small stature (five first-come, first-served sites) fool you. What it lacks in size it makes up for in location, solitude, and sheer beauty. Set amid an enormous aspen grove 8,500 feet up the western flank of the Toiyabe Range, Columbine ranks as one of the most scenic and unique campgrounds in Nevada. While the site is rumored to be accessible to RVs up to 35 feet long, the access road requires high-clearance creek crossings and is narrow in places. Combine that with the tight space at the campsites, and Columbine is better suited for tent campers.

Like most of Nevada's best remote campgrounds, amenities are sparse, but a vault toilet, fire rings, and picnic tables up the comfort quotient. The water in Stewart Creek runs year-round and is clean and cold, but it's still a good idea to purify it before drinking. The Arc Dome Wilderness' northwestern boundary is just steps from the campground, where a trailhead provides access to several trails, including short hikes into the surrounding aspens, the Arc Dome summit trail, and the 72-mile Toiyabe Crest National Recreation Trail. A stock loading ramp is available for campers with horses.

One thing's for sure, campers will be glad they made the trek. "Columbine is one of the nicest Forest Service campgrounds in the Nevada system," writes Mike White in *Backpacking Nevada*, "a wonderful setting for a night's rest after the long drive."

—Charlie Johnston

HIGHLIGHTS

- Canyon setting on Stewart Creek
- Trailhead access to Toiyabe Crest National Recreation Trail
- Loading ramp available for horses



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Columbine Campground (three photos on this page) offers a peaceful setting surrounded by aspen groves and gurgling Stewart Creek. A vast trail system leaves much to be explored in the Arc Dome Wilderness.

Opposite page: A campfire, a well-lit tent, and a starry night can provide a photographer hours of entertainment before they settle down for the night. The top photo was taken at Peavine Campground, and the bottom photo at Samuel Buckland Campground within Fort Churchill State Historic Park.





PHOTOS: MATTHEW B. BROWN

The pine forests towering over Jarbidge Campground provide plenty of respite from the summer heat. Bear Creek (below) affords relatively easy access for anglers, not to mention a plethora of brook trout.

JARBIDGE CAMPGROUND

Nestled in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's expansive Jarbidge Wilderness, Jarbidge Campground is extremely convenient by rural Nevada standards, as it's just a mile from one of the state's more interesting towns. Maybe better characterized as a village, Jarbidge—just a short drive from the Idaho border in extreme north-eastern Nevada—is a great place for campers to re-stock and even grab a bite to eat or an ice-cream cone at the Outdoor Inn, which offers “BOOZE • GRUB • ROOMS.”

There are no paved roads in the historic town, which traces its roots to an early-1900s gold rush that occurred in the area. Despite its remoteness, summer is a relatively busy time for the hamlet. Fourth of July Weekend (July 4-6), Jarbidge Days (August 9-11), and Labor Day Weekend (August 31-September 2) mark some of the signature annual celebrations.

Back at camp, you'll find plenty of shade, excellent fishing in Bear Creek (don't expect any whoppers), and enough isolation to still feel like you're a million miles from civilization. There are plenty of other campsites in the area, such as Lower Bluster Campground, Pavlak Campground, Pine Creek Campground, Sawmill Campground, and Upper Bluster Campground.—*Matthew B. Brown*

SET UP CAMP

Reservations: No
Fee: No
Opens: Year-Round
Single Sites: 12
Group Sites: None
Running Water: No
Restroom: Vault Toilets (2)
Dog-Friendly: Yes
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Nearby scenic Jarbidge Canyon, north of Jarbidge
- Fishing and hunting mecca
- Hiking on the Jarbidge River Trail

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PEAVINE CAMPGROUND

Never underestimate the value of asking a local for travel tips. Case in point: the friendly Tonopah gas station attendant who turned us onto one of the Silver State's best campgrounds. About 50 miles north of the central Nevada town, at the southern edge of the ruggedly scenic Toiyabe Range and Arc Dome Wilderness, Peavine Campground consists of 15 first-come, first-served sites neatly dispersed around Peavine Creek.

Robust stands of large, mature cottonwood trees provide ample shade to keep tents, trailers, and campers cool on hot summer days, and the perennial stream is said to have good trout fishing. Two vault toilets and dedicated fire rings and picnic tables at each site add to camper comfort. Though the campground doesn't offer water, purified water from crystal-clear Peavine Creek tastes great. Surprisingly light on crowds, Peavine Campground is easy to reach for any vehicle.—*Charlie Johnston*

SET UP CAMP

Reservations: No
 Fee: No
 Opens: May 1
 Single Sites: 15
 Group Sites: 2
 Running Water: No
 Restroom: Vault Toilets (2)
 Dog-Friendly: Yes
 Horse-Friendly: Yes

MATTHEW B. BROWN



HIGHLIGHTS

- Canyon setting on Peavine Creek
- Fishing in Peavine Creek
- Small store located in Hadley, 11 miles north

Nothing beats stream-caught trout on the grill—or whatever else you have to throw on there—for a camper's supper. Peavine Creek (top) and its surrounding rocky canyon (below) make for a dramatic setting in Nevada's southern Toiyabe Range.

CHARLIE JOHNSTON





JOYCE HOLLISTER

The Pine Creek Trail might look a bit barren at its beginning (above), but it ultimately takes hikers through tree-filled canyons, log crossings over creeks, and—if you make it far enough—lush meadows.

WORTH A CLICK

Read Hollister's full story by searching "Pine Creek Campground" at nevadamagazine.com.

SET UP CAMP

Reservations: No
Fee: No
Opens: May 1
Single Sites: 10
Group Sites: 1
Running Water: No
Restroom: Vault Toilets (3)
Dog-Friendly: Yes
Horse-Friendly: Yes

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fishing in Pine Creek
- Hiking trails in the Alta Toquima Wilderness
- Nearby attractions: Diana's Punch Bowl, Potts Ranch Hot Springs, Toquima Cave (also a campground), and the historic towns of Belmont and Manhattan

PINE CREEK CAMPGROUND

This U.S. Forest Service camping facility is popular with local hunters and families, mostly on weekends, but even on Memorial Day you can find a spot to pitch your tent. Located on the Monitor Valley side of the Alta Toquima Wilderness, Pine Creek flows down the eastern flank of Mount Jefferson and in late summer still burbles merrily around well-maintained campsites. Because of the water, lush green trees line the creek and provide welcome shade.

The Pine Creek Trail leads to Mount Jefferson. Hikers are treated to a tree-filled, red-walled canyon along the stream bank and occasionally run across evidence of horses and pack animals. We forded the creek on fallen trees in several places. As you attain higher elevations, you'll find fertile meadows and wide sweeps of rock.

Old West buffs will find the trail intriguing. "It follows an 1860s logging road," Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest archaeologist Fred Frampton says. "We discovered a lumber mill and a wagon way the heck up there, [at] about 9,500 feet." —*Joyce Hollister*



VIRGIN VALLEY CAMPGROUND

When we entered the southern end of Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge during an October 2009 road trip, we thought we had come upon the most popular camping destination in Nevada. It was hunting season. Long story short: There were no available sites, we got lost, but eventually we came upon and found a spot at the refuge's ultimate place to pitch a tent.

Virgin Valley Campground, open year-round in the northeastern part of the vast refuge, provides more amenities than your typical rural Nevada campsite, including drinking water, a spring-fed swimming pool, and a rustic shower house. There is a designated fishing hole for children younger than 12, adults older than 65, and the disabled. The nearby Dufurrena Ponds have bass, crappie, and more species of warm-water fish.

SET UP CAMP

Reservations: No
Fee: No
Opens: Year-Round
Single Sites: Not Designated
Group Sites: Not Designated
Running Water: Yes
Restroom: Vault Toilets
Dog-Friendly: Yes
Horse-Friendly: Yes

Campers are welcome on the refuge for up to 14 days. There are more than 10 campgrounds, other than Virgin Valley, within Sheldon. But all other camps are primitive; none have potable water, and some have vault toilets. A backpacking permit is required for camping along the desert trail corridor.

Garbage collection and septic-dumping facilities are not provided on the refuge. Winter snows and muddy road conditions in the spring can limit access to the more remote camps.—*Matthew B. Brown*

HIGHLIGHTS

- Close to Thousand Creek Gorge, one of Nevada's natural wonders
- Near the abandoned (and photographic) historical site Virgin Valley Ranch
- Fire opals lure rock collectors to the area

Virgin Valley Campground's spring-fed swimming pool (below) makes the site unique not only in Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, but all of rural Nevada.

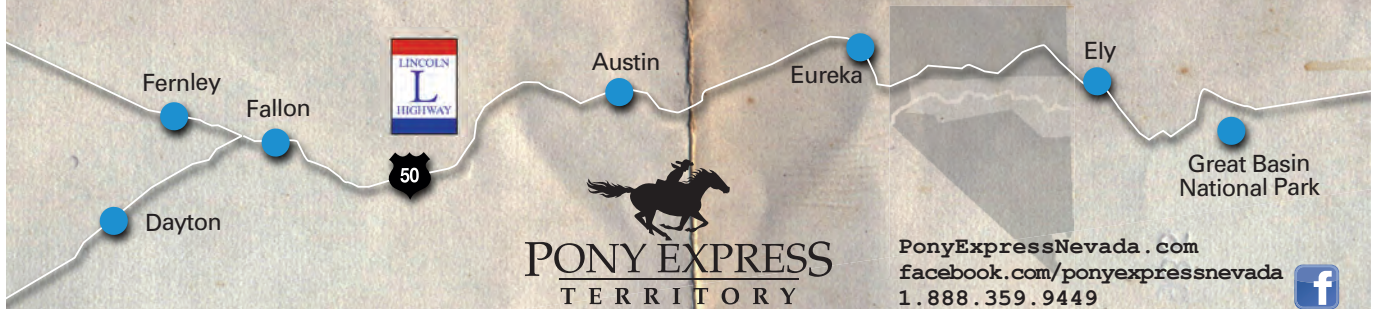
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PANACA

A quiet Mormon farming community dating back to the 1860s, Panaca is the oldest surviving town in eastern Nevada. Rich in tradition and agricultural beauty, many of today's townspeople are direct descendants of the original settlers.

WHITE RIVER CAMPGROUND

Located approximately 40 miles southwest of Ely, White River Campground in Nevada's White Pine Range is primitive, to say the least. Surrounded in all directions by Red Mountain Wilderness, Currant Mountain Wilderness, White Pine Range Wilderness, and Bald Mountain Wilderness, this is wild country. Even in the summer, recreation in the area is light. When we visited three summers ago, we were the only campers. The fall hunting season brings a few more campers to the region, but for the most part you'll feel like you have the place to yourself.

The campground (referred to as a concentrated use area), accessed from a winding dirt road off U.S. Highway 6, is situated along White River with all of the sites located near the banks of the stream. Each of the 10 sites has a table and fire ring, and vault toilets are available. Pack It In/Pack It Out signs are a blatant reminder to inform the public of the Leave No Trace ethics that campers shouldn't have to be reminded of.—*Matthew B. Brown* ■

Even the most rugged camper will appreciate the isolation and wilderness of White Creek Campground, which lies in Nevada's White Pine Range.

SET UP CAMP

Reservations: No
 Fee: No
 Opens: Year-Round
 Single Sites: 10
 Group Sites: None
 Running Water: No
 Restroom: Vault Toilets (4)
 Dog-Friendly: Yes
 Horse-Friendly: Yes



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Peaceful setting on White River
- Surrounded by four designated Wilderness Areas
- Reasonably close to the towns of Preston, Lund, and Ely



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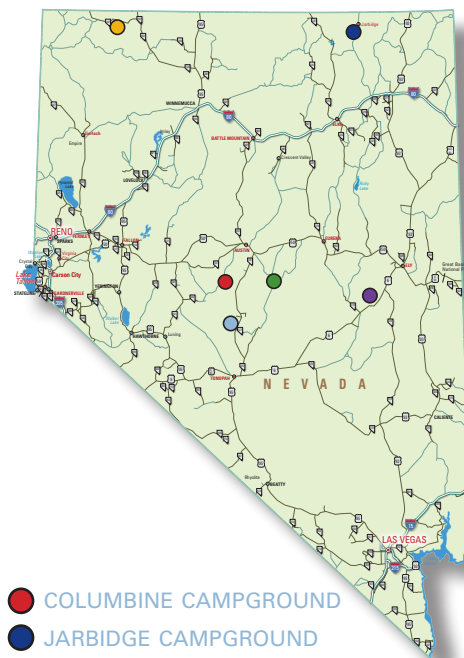
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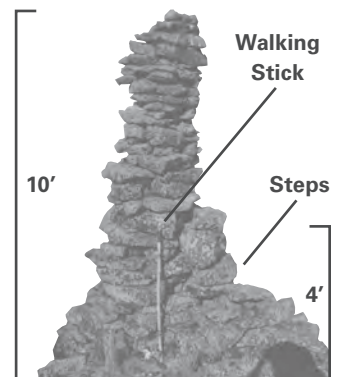
What's in a Stone Boy?

At *Nevada Magazine*, we're always appreciative of our readers' thoughtful letters. Dallas Henrichsen of Mesquite mailed us this striking image in early April. "These stone boys were made by Basque sheepherders, and many of them still dot the eastern Oregon, Northern Nevada, and Wyoming landscape," he wrote. "This particular one is located just off [State Route] 140 west of Denio."

Henrichsen also informed us that the Basque name for these rock piles is *harri mutilak*. Since he has taken up reading our magazine only after moving to Mesquite in 2011, he wondered if we had ever covered the subject in our 77-year tenure. Well, Dallas, a search came up empty in our archives, unfortunately, so we did a little research of our own.

According to Alissa Peterson, author of *Traditions in Transition: Basques in America*, "Because herders built many of these stone boys on mountaintops or in places that did not need a physical marker, some scholars speculate that herders built them for similar purposes as aspen tree carvings: to leave a physical reminder of their presence in the wilderness."

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